TOWN OF ASHLAND

NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORT

2004

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BE SURE TO GIVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, AS WELL AS THE NATURE OF YOUR EMERGENCY; DO NOT HANG UP UNTIL YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO.

BELOW IS A LIST OF NUMBERS FOR THE VARIOUS TOWN FUNCTIONS

Administration	Town Administrator	968-4432
Assessing	Town Office	968-4432
Building Permits	Building Inspector	968-4432
Burn Permits	Fire Department	968-7772
Dogs-Licensing	Town Clerk	968-4432
Dogs-At large	Police Department	968-4000
Elections	Town Clerk	968-4432
Voter Registration	Town Clerk	968-4432
Electric Service	Utility Office	968-3083
Health Officer	Town Office	968-4432
Town Library	Library	968-7928
Vehicle Registration	Town Clerk	968-4432
Land Use Issues	Town Office	968-4432
Police	Police Department	968-4000
Parks / Recreation	Booster Club	968-9209
Recycling	Transfer Station	968-9032
Road Maintenance	Road Agent	968-3166
School Registration	Elementary K-8	968-7622
	High School 9-12	536-1444
Property Taxes	Tax Collector	968-4432
Vital Records	Town Clerk	968-4432
Water/Sewer Dept	Utility Office	968-4002
Welfare	Welfare Director	968-4432

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The 2004 Town Report is dedicated to **Marion K. Merrill**. We would all be hard pressed to keep up with this energetic citizen. It is with much gratitude for her contributions to this community that we praise this woman for her dedication to the many facets of life in Ashland.

- Town Clerk for over 20 years
- Member – Ashland Beautification Committee
  - Planted trees along the ballpark - Campaigned to fix up town properties
  - Assisted the Chamber of Commerce on planting of lilacs at Exit 24
- Member – Squam River Covered Bridge Committee
  - Responded to Pauline Calley's call to initiate the possibility of a covered bridge over Squam River;
  - Co-Chaired this committee – prepared materials for fundraising, solicited funds, worked with snowmobilers to preserve the bridge flooring;
  - Worked on Polly's garden at the bridge
- Member – Ashland Historical Society
  - Solicited signatures to preserve historic school - Worked on fundraisers
  - Most effective seller of tickets for events
  - Tour guide and lector at the Whipple House Museum
- Member - Ashland Woman's Club and Ashland Rebekahs
  - Served as president of these clubs - Served on state committees
  - Worked on community events
- Memorial Park Trustee
  - Conducted bike-a-thons for over 20 years
  - Raised funds for the Memorial Park Trust Fund
  - Expanded the park by processing purchase of land
  - Initiated the official establishment of the Memorial Park Trust Fund and the Memorial Park Trustees
  - Currently is Chairman of the Trustees for Park maintenance and development keeping abreast of the issues concerning the maintenance of the dam and pond

Marion is an Ashland native, a graduate of Ashland High School and Plymouth Normal School in 1936. She is the mother of four sons. Marion partnered with her husband in the insurance business, which she continued after his death. Marion also established a real estate business promoting Ashland properties.

WE REMEMBER.....

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave when life is done

WITH FOND MEMORIES WE REMEMBER THE CITIZENS WE HAVE LOST THIS YEAR

John Tappan
Margery Roby
Dorothy Brown
Harold Baker
Susan Simoneau
Florence Chaisson
Gaye Diehm
Roland Morrell
Leon Lambert

Gloria Taylor
Amanda Hackett
Stanley Lamond
Christine Avery
Howard Bilodeau
Herman Keniston
Eileen Bersuch
William Turner

BOARDS AND OFFICIALS – 2004

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
GERARD CHOUINARD (2005) A. CAROLINE GOSSE (2006) DANIEL GOLDEN (2007)
ROBERT G. MOORE (2007) DOROTHEE CROFTON (2005– RESIGNED)
ANTHONY RANDALL (2005– APPOINTED)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
ANNE ABEAR– RESIGNED

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
RICHARD J. ALPERS

INTERIM A.A – DEPUTY TOWN CLERK – DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR
LAURA PLUMMER

INTERIM TOWN PLANNER
ELLISON BADGER

TAX COLLECTOR
PATRICIA TUCKER

TOWN CLERK (ELECTED)
PATRICIA TUCKER (2005)

TOWN TREASURER (ELECTED)
LINDA GUYOTTE (2005) - DEPUTY LINDA EASTMAN

TOWN MODERATOR (ELECTED)
PHILIP PRESTON (2006)

TOWN TRUSTEES (ELECTED)
EDWARD DUPUIS (2006) RICHARD OGDEN (2005) RICHARD PARE (2007)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (ELECTED)
JULIA SMITH (2005) JILL MUDGETT (2006) ALICE STAPLES (2007)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (ELECTED)
BEVERLY OBER (2006) DOUGLAS OBER (2008) MARYANN REINHOLZ (2010)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
ROAD AGENT MARK OBER– TIMOTHY PAQUETTE – PAIGE MORRILL
DANIEL THOMPSON – TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER – JOHN CAMPBELL

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR (APPOINTED)
JAMES GLEICH

TOWN MECHANIC
LEE HUCKINS

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF JOSEPH CHIVELL II – LT. DONALD MARREN – SGT JOSEPH MCCOMISKEY
OFFICER EDWARD SAMSON III (RESIGNED) – OFFICER ADAM GLEESON
OFFICER MICHAEL BROWN (RESIGNED) – OFFICER DANIEL HAMILTON
SPECIAL MELISSA SMIALEK – SPECIAL JAMIE LYFORD – SPECIAL BRENT WILMOT

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

PLANNING BOARD (APPOINTED)
FRANK STEVENS (2005) - JEFFREY BELYEA (RESIGNED) – ROBERT BOYLE (2005)
GORDON MCCORMACK JR (2005) – TRACY BLANCHARD (RESIGNED)
ROBERT MOORE (SELECTMEN EX-OFFICIO) – DONALD PORELL (RESIGNED)
DON LATULIPPE (2005) - RICHARD BAGGE (2007)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (APPOINTED)
MARK HORMELL (2005) JAMES ALBA (RESIGNED) MICHAEL LEMBO (2007) ELAINE ALLARD (2007)
BRIAN MORIARTY (2007) FRANK MURDOCK (2007) ERNEST GILMAN (2007)
PAUL BRADBURY (ALTERNATE)

PEMI BAKER SOLD WASTE DISTRICT REP
MARK OBER

HOUSING STANDARDS BOARD
ELAINE HUGHES (2005) GREG BAVIS (2005) ELLISON BADGER (2005)
ASHLAND FIRE CHIEF – ASHLAND HEALTH OFFICER

WELFARE DIRECTOR
ROBERT HICKS
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
VACANT
SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUSTEES
DANIEL GOLDEN (RESIGNED) SAMUEL NORMAN (2006) THOMAS PETERS (2005)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
RUTH KNAPP (2005) DANIEL GOLDEN (RESIGNED) GORDON VITTUM (2006)
JAMES GROVER (2005) ANNE ALLEN (2005)
LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REP
FRANK STEVENS
BUDGET COMMITTEE (ELECTED)
DAVID RUELL (2007) ROBIN FISK (2007) GLENN DION (2007) JAMES COLE (2007)
KENDALL B. HUGHES (2006) JOHN C. HUGHES (2006) JOANNE SULLIVAN (RESIGNED)
KENDALL L. HUGHES (APPOINTED-2005) JAMES GOSSE (2006) SANDRA COLEMAN (2005)
DANIEL SULLIVAN (2005) ANN MARIE REEVER (2005) HELEN KNOWLTON (SCHOOL BOARD REP)
DANIEL GOLDEN (SELECTMEN REP)
HEALTH OFFICER (APPOINTED)
CARLETON ABEAR (RESIGNED) RUSSELL CROSS JR. (DEPUTY/APPOINTED HEALTH OFFICER)
FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS (APPOINTED)
N. SCOTT WEDEN, CHIEF (RESIGNED) THOMAS STEWART, CHIEF (APPOINTED)
DEPUTY CHIEF DAVID PAQUETTE (RESIGNED)
DEPUTY CHIEF CHARLES FOUTS (APPPOINTED) DEPUTY CHIEF BRADLEY OBER (APPOINTED)
ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
SUPERINTENDENT LEE V. NICHOLS – NATHAN TATE (RESIGNED)– GORDON "JOE" VITTUM
OFFICER MANAGER LINDA PACK– PATRICIA FLIGG
ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONERS (ELECTED)
ERNEST HUTTER (2007) MELVIN HOLLAND (2006) RAYMOND KNOWLTON (2005)
WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT
AQUARION SERVICES
PLANT MANAGER RUSSELL CROSS JR– RICK NOBLEY
OFFICE – KAY MUDGETT
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS (ELECTED)
ERNEST PAQUETTE (2007) DANIEL GOLDEN (2006) ROBERT BOYLE (2005)
BUILDING INSPECTOR DEPARTMENT (APPOINTED)
ROBERT HICKS, BUILDING INSPECTOR – FRANK MURDOCK, ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR
JERRY BRIDGHAM, PLUMBING INSPECTOR
HISTORIC COMMISSION (APPOINTED)
ROBERT HICKS (2005) CLAIRE HICKS (2005)
MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES (APPOINTED)
MARY RUELL (2006) MARION MERRILL (2006) ERNEST HUTTER (2005) PHILIP PRESTON (2005)
SAFETY COMMITTEE (APPOINTED)
PAIGE MORRILL (2006) BRAD OBER (2006) ANNE ABEAR (RESIGNED)
DONALD MARREN (2005) TIMOTHY PAQUETTE (2005) LAURA PLUMMER (2006)
PEMI BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY
MARY RUELL
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (APPOINTED)
KATIE BURGESS – JERRY CHOUINARD – LORI CUSHING – JAMES GOSSE
HELEN KNOWLTON – AMY MORIARTY – BARBARA SHARROW
GRAFTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REP
ELLISON BADGER

TOWN OF ASHLAND
DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 31, 2004

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to Vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Public School Gymnasium in said Town on Saturday, January 31, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles. Vote by official ballot will take place on March 9, 2004 at the School Gymnasium. Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. and will close no earlier than 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Glenn Dion called the Deliberative Session to order at 1:00 PM. The meeting started with a presentation to Mary Ruell. It was announced that the 2003 Town Report was dedicated to her. Patricia Tucker read the Memorial page of the Town Report.

Article 1:
To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

(2)	Selectmen	3 Year Term
(1)	Selectman	1 Year Term
(1)	Town Moderator	2 Year Term
(1)	Town Treasurer	1 Year Term
(1)	Town Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Library Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Supervisor of Checklist	6 Year Term
(4)	Budget Committee Members	3 Year Term
(1)	Budget Committee Member	1 Year Term
(1)	Electric Commissioner	3 year Term
(1)	Water/Sewer Commissioner	3 year Term

THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES WAS READ BY MODERATOR DION.

Article 2:

Question 1:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendments to the town's zoning ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 4.7, Bed & Breakfast? The amendment increases the required parking, establishes specifications for signage and lighting, and clarifies the necessity for state permits. (Majority Vote Required)

Question 2:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendment to the town's zoning ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 4.6? This article clarifies the definition of Home Occupation and establishes specifications for advertising, signage, storage of goods and parking. It also permits certain home occupations by special exception when they do not meet all specifications. (Majority Vote Required)

Question 3:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendment to the town's zoning ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 2.4a? This article clarifies the definitions of Soils & Slopes Table and clarifies the necessity for state permits. (Majority Vote Required)

Question 4:

To see if the town will vote to accept the zoning ordinance for Yard, Garage, Barn Sales and Auctions:

Article 4 Special Provisions

4.8 Yard; Garage, & Barn Sales are permitted in all districts without permit, but only after notification to the Town Office. No such sale or auction may run for more than four consecutive (4) days.

Signage: There are no sign permits required for yard, garage, barn sales, or auctions, however, all signs must be removed within 24 hours of ending the sale. All signs must contain name, address, and telephone number of the sale's host, as well as the date (s) of the sale.

Signs are not permitted on utility poles, or within the public right-of-way. Failure to comply may result in a fine being levied of not more than $275 a day from date of ordinance violation (RSA 676:17). (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 2 WAS READ AND DISCUSSED, THESE ZONING QUESTIONS WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eight thousand three hundred dollars ($108,300) to purchase a 2004 Highway Truck and authorize the withdrawal of fifty –four thousand dollars ($54,000) plus interest to date from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and discontinue this fund for this purpose, with the balance of fifty-four thousand three hundred dollars ($54,300) to come from the town's December 31, 2003 fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

IT WAS MOVED BY AMY MORIARTY, SECONDED BY EDWARD DUPUIS TO ADD "TO SELL OR TRADE IN THE OLD TRUCK TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF THE NEW TRUCK". THIS AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE WILL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED.

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a new Highway Truck. And to remove the sum of $5,000.00 from the December 31, 2003 surplus, monies already raised by previous taxation but not yet spent. Warrant article submitted by petition of 25 voters of the town of Ashland. Monies are to come out of the $463,000.00 surplus as of December 31, 2003. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT WAS MADE BY NEALE BAVIS, SECONDED BY CAROLINE GOSSE TO HAVE THE ARTICLE READ AS FOLLOWS:

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO CREATE A HIGHWAY TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($5000.00) TO BE PLACED IN SAID FUND, SAID MONEY TO COME FROM THE 2003 UNEXPENDED FUND BALANCE. NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED FROM NEW TAXATION FOR THIS ARTICLE.

IT WAS MOVED BY MARK OBER, SECONDED BY DOUGLAS OBER TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO CHANGE FIVE THOUSAND ($5000.00) TO TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($25.000.00)

THIS AMENDMENT PASS BY HAND VOTE AND THE ARTICLE WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS AMENDED.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire Truck. And to remove the sum of $50,000.00 from the December 31, 2003 surplus, monies already raised by previous taxation but not yet spent. Warrant article submitted by petition of 25 voters of the town of Ashland. Monies are to come out of the $463,000.00 surplus as of December 31, 2003. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

IT WAS MOVED BY NEALE BAVIS, SECONDED BY GERARD CHOUINARD TO AMEND ARTICLE 5 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO CREATE A FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND TO RAISE AND APROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIFTY THOUSAND ($50,000.00) TO BE PLACED IN SAID FUND, SAID MONEY TO COME FROM THE 2003 UNEXPENDED FUND BALANCE. NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED FROM NEW TAXATION FOR THIS ARTICLE.

THIS AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS AMENDED.

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the balance of $178,000 from the borrowing authority granted by Article #3 at the 1996 Town Meeting for the closure of the sanitary landfill. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article.

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the existing Ice Skating Rink Capital Reserve Fund and to transfer the funds in the amount of $5,794.85 plus interest to date into the Town's General Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $5,794.85 for the construction of a new skating rink at the ballpark. These funds to come from the town's December 31, 2003 fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to create a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Sidewalk Fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend for the purpose of placing a sidewalk from the Ashland Mobil along Main Street to Ashland Lumber Company along West Street and further to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand dollars ($16,000) to be placed in said fund and to authorize the use of the December 31, 2003 fund balance in that amount for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

IT WAS MOVED BY RICK PARE, SECONDED BY DANIEL GOLDEN TO AMEND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT FROM $16,000 TO $1.00.

THIS AMENDMENT FAILED TO PASS BY HAND VOTE.

THE ARTCLE WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing West Street and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to be placed into said fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article.

THE ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing the River Street Bridge over Squam River and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to be placed into said fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

IT WAS MOVED BY TERRY FOUTS, SECONDED BY ROBERT MOORE TO ADD AFTER *SAID FUND*, " SAID MONIES ARE TO COME FROM THE 2003 UNEXPENDED FUND BALANCE. NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED FROM NEW TAXATION FOR THIS ARTICLE".

THE AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. THE ARTICLE AS AMENDED WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

Article 12:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $4,877,422? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $5,013,698 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Recommended by the Budget Committee. (Majority Vote Required).

IT WAS MOVED BY LEE NICHOLS AND SECONDED TO RESTORE $2,499 TO THE SEWER BUDGET, $2,499 TO THE WATER BUDGET AND $5,499 TO THE ELECTRIC BUDGET TO THE RESPECTIVE BOTTOM LINES. THESE MONIES TO COVER THE AUDITOR FEES. THIS MOTION AND SECOND WAS RECINDED.

IT WAS MOVED BY LEE NICHOLS, SECONDED BY KAREN NICHOLS TO CHANGE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION TO BE RAISED FROM $4,877,422 TO $4,887,919.

THIS AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE AND THE ARTICLE WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS AMENDED.

Article 13:

Are you in favor of changing the term of the town treasurer from one year to 3 years, beginning with the term of the town treasurer to be elected at next year's (2005) regular town meeting?

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 14:

Will the Town vote to continue 24-hour police coverage? Non-binding Article.

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its Boards, Commissioners, Committees and Officers for the year 2003 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required).

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a. (Majority Vote Required)

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the amended Town Ordinance related to Dogs and other Domestic Animals.

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 18:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

At this time Selectman Caroline Gosse recognized Neale Bavis for his service to the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

An announcement of the Meet the Candidates night to be held on Feb 9, 2003 at 7PM in the School Cafeteria was made by Moderator Glenn Dion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Patricia Tucker, Ashland Town Clerk
January 31, 2004

TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICIAL BALLOTING
MARCH 9, 2004

In accordance with the legally posted warrant, the polls were open by Moderator Glenn Dion at 9 AM. It was announced that the absentee ballots would be cast at 1 PM and the polls would not closed before 7 PM.

Election officials present were Moderator Glenn Dion, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Selectman Gerard Chouinard, Selectman Caroline Gosse, Selectman Neale Bavis, Supervisors of the Checklist Douglas Ober, Beverly Ober, Mary Ann Reinholz, Ballot Clerks Margaret Duguay, Josephine Brown, David Ruell, Eleanor Lyford.

The following ballot counters were sworn in by Town Clerk Patricia Tucker – Anne Abear, Neale Bavis, Linda Guyotte, Helen Knowlton.

Number of Registered Voters	1059
New Voters Registered on March 9, 2004	10
Total Registered Voters	1069
Number of Voters Casting Ballots on March 9, 2004	369
Percentage	35%

BALLOT 1 OF 2

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT 2004 ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 9, 2004

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Three Year Term — Vote for not more then two

DANIEL P. GOLDEN	310
ROBERT G. MOORE	141
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

DOROTHEE (DOTTIE) J. CROFTON	244
AMY MORIARTY	90
(Write-in)	

TOWN MODERATOR

Two Year Term — Vote for not more than one

PHILIP PRESTON	318
(Write-in)	

TOWN TREASURER

One Year Term — Vote for not more then one

LINDA D. GUYOTTE	345
(Write-in)	

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than one

RICHARD PARE	312
(Write-in)	

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

Six Year Term — Vote for not more then one

MARYANN REINHOLZ	320
(Write-in)	

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Three Year Term — Vote for not more then one

ALICE P. STAPLES	308
(Write-in)	

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than four

ROBIN J. FISK	261
DAVID RUELL	267
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

One Year Term — Vote for not more then one

NEALE BAVIS	284
(Write-in)	

ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than one

ERNEST C. HUTTER	308
(Write-in)	

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term — Vote for not more then one

BRIAN MORIARTY	109
ERNEST A. PAQUETTE	237
(Write-in)	

ARTICLES

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eight thousand three hundred dollars ($108,300) to purchase a 2004 Highway Truck and authorize the withdrawal of fifty -four thousand dollars ($54,000) plus interest to date from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and discontinue this fund for this purpose, with the balance of fifty-four thousand three hundred dollars ($54,300) to come from the town's December 31, 2003 fund balance. To sell or trade in the old truck to help offset the cost of the new truck. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES — 179
NO — 161

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to create a Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be placed in said fund, said money to come from the 2003 unexpended fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES — 176
NO — 161

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to create a Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand ($50,000) to be placed in said fund, said money to come from the 2003 unexpended fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article.The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES 155
NO 197

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the balance of $178,000 from the borrowing authority granted by Article #3 at the 1996 Town Meeting for the closure of the sanitary landfill. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article.

YES 271
NO 74

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the existing Ice Sketing Rink Capital Reserve Fund and to transfer the funds in the amount of $5,794.85 plus interest to date into the Town's General Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES 263
NO 88

Article 8:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $5,794.85 for the construction of a new skating rink at the ballpark. These funds to come from the town's December 31, 2003 fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES 234
NO 119

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to create a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Sidewalk Fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend for the purpose of placing a sidewalk from the Ashland Mobil along Main Street to Ashland Lumber Company along West Street and further to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand dollars ($16,000) to be placed in said fund and to authorize the use of the December 31, 2003 fund balance in that amount for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

YES 114
NO 235

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing West Street and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to be placed into said fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article.

YES 168
NO 182

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing the River Street Bridge over Squam River and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to be placed into said fund. Said monies are to come from the 2003 unexpended fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES 211
NO 142

Article 12:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $4,887,919? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $5,013,698 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Recommended by the Budget Committee. (Majority Vote Required).

YES 264
NO 78

Article 13:

Are you in favor of changing the term of the town treasurer from one year to 3 years, beginning with the term of the town treasurer to be elected at next year's (2005) regular town meeting?

YES 217
NO 132

Article 14:

Will the Town vote to continue 24-hour police coverage? Non-binding Article.

YES 166
NO 186

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its Boards, Commissioners, Committees and Officers for the year 2003 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required).

YES 308
NO 43

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

BALLOT 2 OF 2

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT 2004 ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 9, 2004

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 277
NO 47

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the amended Town Ordinance related to Dogs and other Domestic Animals.

YES 203
NO 107

ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Three Year Term — Vote for not more then two

MIRIAM E. BROWN	202
RICHARD N. BURGESS JR.	187
BRIAN CHALMERS	163
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

One Year Term — Vote for not more then one

PHILIP PRESTON	302
(Write-in)	

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

PATRICIA TUCKER	318
(Write-in)	

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

(Write-in)

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR

(1-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

QUENTIN BLAINE	254
(Write-in)	

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM HOLDERNESS

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

SCOTT BIEDERMAN	259
(Write-in)	

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM WENTWORTH

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

SUSAN JUDD	242
(Write-in)	

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM PLYMOUTH

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

KEN SUTHERLAND	244
(Write-in)	

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGES
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 9, 2004

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●

ARTICLES

Article 2:

Question 1:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 4.7, Bed & Breakfast? The amendment increases the required parking, establishes specifications for signage and lighting, and clarifies the necessity for state permits. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 203
NO 149

Question 2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 4.6? This article clarifies the definition of Home Occupation and establishes specifications for advertising, signage, storage of goods and parking. It also permits certain home occupations by special exception when they do not meet all specifications. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 192
NO 155

Question 3:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 2.4a? This article clarifies the definitions of Soils & Slopes Table and clarifies the necessity for state permits. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 210
NO 133

Question 4:

To see if the town will vote to accept the zoning ordinance for Yard, Garage, Barn Sales and Auctions:

Article 4 <u>Special Provisions</u>

4.8 Yard; Garage, & Barn Sales are permitted in all districts without permit, but only after notification to the Town Office. No such sale or auction may run for more than four consecutive (4) days.

Signage: There are no sign permits required for yard, garage, barn sales, or auctions, however, all signs must be removed within 24 hours of ending the sale. All signs must contain name, address, and telephone number of the sale's host, as well as the date (s) of the sale.

Signs are not permitted on utility poles, or within the public right-of-way. Failure to comply may result in a fine being levied of not more than $275 a day from date of ordinance violation (RSA 676:17). (Majority Vote Required)

YES 213
NO 140

WARRANT ARTICLES FOR PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 1: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars ($175,000) for the construction and original equipping of new recreation/athletic field on land owned by the school district. The School Board **recommends** this appropriation.

YES 125
NO 202

Article 2: Shall the School District vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District. The School Board **recommends** this article.

YES 224
NO 99

Article 3: Shall the School District vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board **recommends** this appropriation.

YES 143
NO 179

Article 4: Shall the School District vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to one hundred fifty-seven thousand five hundred dollars ($157,500) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2004-2005 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA:20-d; or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board **recommends** this appropriation.

YES 177
NO 142

Article 5: Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Pemi-Baker Regional School Board and the Plymouth Regional Educational Support staff which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2004-2005	$ 60,357
2005-2006	$ 62,451
2006-2007	$ 58,624

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand three hundred fifty-seven dollars ($60,357) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The School Board **recommends** this article.

YES 106
NO 213

Article 6: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate two-thousand dollars ($2,000) for the support of programs being offered by the Pemi Youth Center at 111 Main Street in Plymouth; namely, after-school programs including but not restricted to mentoring, assistance with homework, counseling, music lessons, recreation and creative arts, and for other activities in support of our area youth. **(Submitted by Petition)** The School Board **does not recommend** this article.

YES 134
NO 189

Article 7: Shall the School District vote to investigate the establishment of a charter school to be known as Pemi-Baker Academy and report back at the next deliberative session. The School Board **recommends** this article.

YES 163
NO 154

Article 8: Shall the School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $12,640,695 (twelve million six hundred forty thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars).

Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be either $12,641,585 (twelve million six hundred forty one thousand five hundred eighty-five dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional School District; or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This sum excludes the sums in warrant articles 1, 3, 5 and 6. The Board **recommends** this article.

YES 205
NO 115

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

MARCH 9, 2004 WRITE-IN RESULTS

SELECTMAN - 3 YEAR TERM	
Bavis, Joyce	1
Bavis, Neale	1
Cole, Jim	1
Crofton, Dorothy	2
Dion, Glenn	3
Dupuis, Edward	3
Holland, Mel	1
Knowlton, Raymond	1
Marion, Vernon	8
Martin, Vernon	1
Moriarty, Amy	2
Moriarty, Brian	1
Ober, Brad	1
Ober, Doug	1
Pack, Bill	1
Pare, Rick	1
Peters, Thomas	1
Proulx, Paul	1
Uhlman, Dan	1
SELECTMAN - 1 YEAR TERM	
Baker, Harold	1
Cross, Nancy	1
Dion, Glenn	1
Peters, Thomas	2
Uhlman, Dan	1
Zock, Bob	1
MODERATOR	
Bernard, Aprille	1
Dion, Glenn	5
Hutter, Ernest	1
Lyford, Ralph	1
TREASURER	
Knowlton, Raymond	1
Moriarty, Amy	1
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	
Dupuis, Edward	1
SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST	
Knowlton, Helen	1
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	
Gallien, Diane	1
Reinholz, Mary Ann	1
ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER	
Bavis, Neale	1
Dupuis, Elliott	1
Gosse, James	1
Holland, Mel	1
Johnstone, Chris	1
Marion, Vernon	2
Marsh, Tom	1
Ober, Doug	1
Paquette, Ernie	2
Yeaton, Joe	1
Yeaton, Joy	1

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3 YEAR	
Ash Sr., Richard	1
Barr, Lorraine	1
Bavis, Neale	2
Cole, James	8
Crofton, Dottie	1
Cross, David	2
Dion, Glenn	21
Dupuis, Ed	7
Fahrner, Rhonda	1
Fouts, Terry	2
Gilman, Ernie	1
Hughes, Kendall	1
Hughes, Kendall L.	2
Hutter, Ernest	1
Johnstone, Chris	1
Knowlton, Ray	1
Leonard, Bruce	1
Lyford, Jeff	1
Lyford, Ralph	1
Marcroft, Deborah	1
Marcroft, Shirley	1
Marion, Vern	3
Martin, Vern	1
Moriarty, Amy	3
Moriarty, Brian	2
Nesbitt, Lynne	1
Norman, Sam	1
Ober, Bev	1
Ober, Brad	2
Ober, Pam	2
Ogden, Gail	1
Pare, Rick	1
Peters, Thomas	6
Randall, Gwen	1
Reinholz, Mary Ann	1
Samson, Steve	1
Smith, Shaun	1
Stewart, Harvey	1
Uhlman, Dan	3
Uhlman, Jeff	3
Wrath, Jen	1
BUDGET COMMITTEE - 1 YEAR	
Bernard, Aprille	1
Dion, Glenn	12
Dupuis, Ed	1
Hayes, Jack	2
Marion, Vern	1
Reinholz, Mary Ann	1
Uhlman, Dan	1
Uhlman, Laurie	1

ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT WRITE INS
MARCH 9, 2004

SCHOOL BOARD	
Bernard, Aprille	1
Comeau, Terry	1
Fouts, Terry	1
Lembo, Mike	1
Marcroft, Shirley	1
Moriarty, Amy	1
Peters, Tom	1
Stewart, Tom	2
DISTRICT TREASURER	
Bradgen, Hallie	1
Chalmers, Beth	1
Fisk, Robin	2
Guyotte, Linda	8
Knowlton, Helen	1
Lyford, Jane	1
Mudgett, Jill	6
Randall, Gwen	1
Reever, Ann	1
Samson, Steve	1
MODERATOR	
Dion, Glenn	6
Kramer, Judy	1

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL DISTRICT
MARCH 9, 2004

MODERATOR	
Bernard, Aprille	1
Preston, Phil	3
Reinholz, Mary Ann	1
HOLDERNESS	
PLYMOUTH	
Sinclair, Terry	1
WENTWORTH	
Bradley, Lester	1
Clark, Michelle	1

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
JANUARY 27, 2004

The polls were declared open at 8:00 AM by Moderator Glenn Dion. The ballot box had been inspected. Election officials were: Supervisors of the Checklist – Douglas Ober, Beverly Ober, Maryann Reinholz; Ballot Clerks – Margaret Duguay, Josephine Brown, David Ruell, Eleanor Lyford; Town Clerk – Patricia Tucker; Town Moderator – Glenn Dion.

The absentee ballots were cast at 1:00 PM.

The polls were closed at 7:00 PM. Patricia Tucker and Anne Abear counted the write-in ballots.

Election Results

Republican – President	
Blake Ashby	0
Richard P. Bosa	1
John Buchanan	3
George W. Bush	112
Michael Callis	0
George Gostigian	0
Robert Edward Haines	1
Mark "Dick" Harnes	0
Millie Howard	1
Tom Laughlin	0
Cornelius E. O'Connor	0
John D. Rigazio	0
Jim Taylor	0
Bill Wyatt	0
President Write Ins	
Wesley Clark	4
Howard Dean	6
John Edwards	9
John F. Kerry	5
Joe Lieberman	1
George Bush	1
Geo Clark	1
Republican – Vice President	
Flora Bleckner	12
Red Jahncke	11
Vice President Write Ins	
Dick Cheney	30
Wesley Clark	1
Constella Rice	1
John Edwards	2
John Donald Rigivao	1
Raymond Newberry	1
John Kerry	1
Mrs. Wesley Clark	1
Howard Dean	1
Mayor Rudy Guliani	1
Joe Lieberman	1
Pat Tucker	1

Democrat – President	
Katherine Bateman	0
Carol Moseley Braun	0
Harry Braun III	0
Willie Felix Carter	0
Wesley K. Clark	37
Randy Crow	1
Howard Dean	91
Gerry Dokka	0
John Edwards	32
Dick Gephardt	1
Mildred Glover	0
Vincent Hamm	0
John F. Kerry	119
Caroline P. Killeen	0
Dennis J. Kucinich	5
Lyndon Larouche Jr	0
R. Randy Lee	0
Joe Lieberman	24
Rpbert H. Linnell	0
Edward T. O'donnell Jr	0
Fern Penna	0
Al Sharpton	2
Leonard D. Talbow	0
Democrat – Vice President – Write Ins	
Wesley Clark	15
John Edwards	29
Al Gore	3
Dick Gephardt	2
Joe Lieberman	7
Bob Graham	1
Howard Dean	6
John Kerry	6
Carol Braun	1
Colin Quin	1
Edward Kennedy	1
Hillary Clinton	1
Al Sharpton	1

Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk – January 27, 2004

REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST	148	TOTAL ON CHECKLIST	1070
DEMOCRAT BALLOTS CAST	314	NEW REGISTERED TODAY – 61	
TOTAL CAST	462	PERCENTAGE VOTING	43%

TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
JULY 12, 2004

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland School Gymnasium in said Town on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 7:00 PM to act upon the following article. Vote by official ballot will take place on Thursday, August 12, 2004 at the Dupuis Cross Post #15 Legion Hall at 37 Main Street. Polls will open at 9:00 AM and will close no earlier than 7:00 PM.

Article 1:

Shall the Town:

(a) Authorize the expansion of electric service of the Town's Electric Department into the area of North Ashland Road and Route 175 by agreement with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. for purchase of property and payment of damages pursuant to RSA 38:8 and 33 with terms and conditions negotiated by the Commissioners of the Electric Department;

(b) Raise and appropriate sums not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,700,000) for that purpose, including acquisition and construction costs and related expenses, by the issuance of bonds or notes up to that amount in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Revenue Bonds Act (RSA Chapter 33-B) and to thereby ratify the agreement for the purchase from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. as provided by RSA 38:13;

(c) To authorize the Commissioners of the Town's Electric Department to determine the manner of issuance and detail of the said bonds or notes as provided in RSA 33-B, including the term, interest rate and security therefore in the revenues of the Department; and

(d) Rescind earlier bond authority made for such or similar expansion by the 1993 Town Meeting Warrant Article 3 and the 1994 Town Meeting Warrant Article 6. The Commissioners anticipate new offsetting revenue to be generated from the assets to be acquired from New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc of approximately $150,000 per year.

The Ashland Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article. (Three-fifths majority vote required)

Gerard R. Chouinard, Chairman

A. Caroline Gosse

Daniel P. Golden

Robert G. Moore

Attest: A True Copy:

Gerard R. Chouinard, Chairman

A. Caroline Gosse

Daniel P. Golden

Robert G. Moore

June 21, 2004

TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION
JULY 12, 2004

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland School Gymnasium in said Town on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 7:00 PM to act upon the following article. Vote by official ballot will take place on Thursday, August 12, 2004 at the Dupuis Cross Post #15 Legion Hall at 37 Main Street. Polls will open at 9:00 AM and will close no earlier than 7:00 PM.

Moderator Philip Preston called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Article 1:

Shall the Town:

(a) Authorize the expansion of electric service of the Town's Electric Department into the area of North Ashland Road and Route 175 by agreement with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. for purchase of property and payment of damages pursuant to RSA 38:8 and 33 with terms and conditions negotiated by the Commissioners of the Electric Department;

(b) Raise and appropriate sums not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,700,000) for that purpose, including acquisition and construction costs and related expenses, by the issuance of bonds or notes up to that amount in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Revenue Bonds Act (RSA Chapter 33-B) and to thereby ratify the agreement for the purchase from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. as provided by RSA 38:13;

(c) To authorize the Commissioners of the Town's Electric Department to determine the manner of issuance and detail of the said bonds or notes as provided in RSA 33-B, including the term, interest rate and security therefore in the revenues of the Department; and

(d) Rescind earlier bond authority made for such or similar expansion by the 1993 Town Meeting Warrant Article 3 and the 1994 Town Meeting Warrant Article 6. The Commissioners anticipate new offsetting revenue to be generated from the assets to be acquired from New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc of approximately $150,000 per year.

The Ashland Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article. (Three-fifths majority vote required)

The article was presented and discussion followed. Ashland Electric Department Superintendent Lee Nichols facilitated the presentation.

THERE WERE NO AMENDMENTS MADE AND IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE ARTICLE WOULD APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Patricia Tucker
Ashland Town Clerk

TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – OFFICIAL BALLOTING
AUGUST 12, 2004

In accordance with the legally posted meeting, official balloting on the following article took place at the Dupuis Cross Post #15 Legion Hall on August 12, 2004.

Election officials present were Moderator Philip Preston, Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk , Mary Ruell, Clerk Pro Tem, Ballot Clerks David Ruell, Margaret Duguay, Nancy Russell, Eleanor Lyford, Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Douglas Ober, Maryann Reinholz.

The Ballot Box was inspected and the polls were declared open at 9AM, it was announced that absentee ballots would be cast at 1PM and that the polls would close no earlier than 7PM. Ballot counters were Philip Preston, Linda Guyotte, Patricia Tucker.

Article 1:

Shall the Town:

(e) Authorize the expansion of electric service of the Town's Electric Department into the area of North Ashland Road and Route 175 by agreement with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. for purchase of property and payment of damages pursuant to RSA 38:8 and 33 with terms and conditions negotiated by the Commissioners of the Electric Department;

(f) Raise and appropriate sums not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,700,000) for that purpose, including acquisition and construction costs and related expenses, by the issuance of bonds or notes up to that amount in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Revenue Bonds Act (RSA Chapter 33-B) and to thereby ratify the agreement for the purchase from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. as provided by RSA 38:13;

(g) To authorize the Commissioners of the Town's Electric Department to determine the manner of issuance and detail of the said bonds or notes as provided in RSA 33-B, including the term, interest rate and security therefore in the revenues of the Department; and

(h) Rescind earlier bond authority made for such or similar expansion by the 1993 Town Meeting Warrant Article 3 and the 1994 Town Meeting Warrant Article 6. The Commissioners anticipate new offsetting revenue to be generated from the assets to be acquired from New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc of approximately $150,000 per year.

The Ashland Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article. (Three-fifths majority vote required)

Total Ballots cast = 220
3/5 needed to pass = 132
Results were 160 Yes, 60 No

Moderator Philip Preston declared the article passed.

Patricia Tucker, Ashland Town Clerk
August 12, 2004

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

In accordance with the legally signed an dposted Notice to Voters, Moderator Philip Preston opened the polls at 8:00 AM. The ballot box was examined and the polls were declard to be open until 7:00 PM. Absentee ballots would be cast at 1:00 PM.

Election officials present: Moderator Philip Preston, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Selectmen Gerard Chouinard, Caroline Gosse, Daniel Golden, Robert Moore; Ballot Clerks David Ruell, Eleanor Lyford, Margaret Duguay, Josephine Brown; Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Gosse, and Daniel Golden.

Democratic Results

Governor	
Paul McEachern	8
John Lynch	56
Benson	3 write ins
United States Senator	
Doris R. Haddock	51
Richard Brothers	1 write ins
Representative in Congress	
Chris Owen	34
Paul W. Hodes	25
Executive Councilor	
Burton	9 write ins
J. P. McCart	1 write ins
State Senator	
Sid Lovett	56
Carl Johnson	2 write ins
State Representative	
Burt Williams	2 write ins
Marg Maybeck	1 write ins
Jennifer Mitchell	2 write ins
Fran Taylor	1 write ins
Richard Brothers	1 write ins
Andrew Dorsett	1 write ins
Malcolm Taylor	1 write ins
David Ruell	1 write ins
J.P. McCart	1 write ins
Lauren Clark	1 write ins
Christopher Clark	1 write ins
Sheriff	
Joseph Chivell	10 write ins
Dutile	12 write ins
Wingate	2 write ins
County Attorney	
St. Hilaire	2 write ins
Ken Anderson	1 write ins
R. Tucker	1 write ins
Register of Deeds	
Woods	1 write ins
Carol Elliott	1 write ins
A. Tucker	1 write ins
County Commissioner	
Panagoulis	7 write ins
Ray Burton	1 write ins
P. Tucker	1 write ins

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Republican Results

Governor	
Craig Benson	127
Charles A. Tarbell	20
Dick Green	3 write ins
John Lynch	3 write ins
United States Senator	
Judd Gregg	146
Michael D. Tipa	7
Tom Alciere	2
Representative in Congress	
Charles Bass	124
Mark Brady	20
Jen Mitchell	1 write ins
Hobart Harmon	1 write ins
Executive Councilor	
Raymond Burton	147
State Senator	
Richard Brothers	69
Carl R. Johnson	73
Sid Lovett	1 write ins
State Representative	
Andrew Dorsett	99
Margie Maybeck	102
Burton Williams	87
Sheriff	
Joseph G. Chivell II	57
Douglas Dutile	55
Barry W. Wingate	31
George Morris	1 write ins
D. Moyes	1 write ins
County Attorney	
Richardo St. Hilaire	135
Anthony Landroche	1 write ins
County Treasurer	
Carol Elliott	136
Register of Deeds	
Joel DuPuis	132
Anthony Landroche	1 write ins
Register of Probate	
Rebecca Wyman	130
County Commissioner	
Bill Gabler	71
Steve S. Panagoulis	67
Delegate to State Convention	
Barbara Griffin	1
Jeanette Stewart	1
Phil Preston	1
Norma Cole	3
Rick Ash	1
Caroline Gosse	1
Carl R. Johnson	1
Ann Reever	1
Mark Brady	1
Andrew Dorsett	2
Eric Pelino	2
Fran Wendelboe	2
Jamie Lyford	1
Douglas Dutile	1

TOTAL VOTES CAST	227
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	1071
PERCENTAGE OF THOSE VOTING	21%

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 2, 2004

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the **TOWN OF ASHLAND** in the County of **GRAFTON**, New Hampshire.

You are hereby notified to meet at **ASHLAND SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 27 HIGHLAND STREET, ASHLAND** on Tuesday, the second day of November, 2004. The polls will be open between the hours of **8:00 AM AND 7:00 PM** to act upon the following subjects:

To bring in your votes for President and Vice-President of the United States, Governor, United States Representative, Executive Councilor, State Senator, State Representatives and County Officers.

To bring in your votes on a Question Relating to a Constitutional Amendment as proposed by the 2004 general court.

Given under our hands and seal, this Fourth day of October, in this of our Lord two thousand and four.

Gerard R. Chouinard
Caroline Gosse
Daniel P. Golden
Robert G. Moore Selectmen of Ashland

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the above Warrant at the place of meeting and at the office of the Town Clerk and Town Hall on the fourth day of October, 2004.

Gerard R. Chouinard
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Daniel P. Golden
Robert G. Moore Selectmen of Ashland

Moderator Philip Preston opened the polls at 8AM. Absentee ballots were cast at 1PM. Election officials present Moderator Philip Preston, Assistant Moderators Edward Dupuis and Neale Bavis, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Assistant Clerk Linda Guyotte, Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Douglas Ober, MaryAnn Reinholz, Ballot Clerks Margaret Duguay, Josephine Brown, Eleanor Lyford, David Ruell, Selectmen Daniel Golden, Caroline Gosse, Robert G. Moore and Anthony Randall.

The polls were closed at 7 PM, counters were Linda Pack, Linda Guyotte, Brad Ober, Daniel Golden, Patricia Tucker, Philip Preston.

Statistics

End of day total number on checklist = 1308
New registrants on November 2, 2004 = 195
Total Votes Cast = 1075
Percentage of those voting = 82%

RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2, 2004
GENERAL ELECTION

Straight Republican	227
Straight Democratic	111

President/Vice President

George Bush/Dick Cheney	600
John Kerry/John Edwards	461
Ralph Nadar/Peter Camejo	9
Write in – Tosh Krauz	1

Governor

Craig R. Benson	607
John Lynch	451

United State Senator

Judd Gregg	744
Doris "Granny" Haddock	296
Write in – Sid Lovett	1

Representative in Congress

Charles Bass	677
Paul W. Hodes	301
Richard B. Kahn	43

Executive Councilor

Raymond S. Burton	942

Write Ins

Eric Pelino	1
Robert McGill	1
Bruce Leonard	1
Tom Stewart	1
David Ortiz	2

State Senator

Carl R. Johnson	505
Sid Lovett	510

State Representatives

Andrew L. Dorsett	538
Margie Maybeck	526
Burton W. Williams	604
Jennifer Mitchell	435

Write Ins

Bob Tucker	1
Nancy Cross	1
Aprille Bernard	1

Sheriff

Douglas R. Dutile	877

Write Ins

Chevet	1
Chevell	4
Wingate	6
Morris Scovided	1
George Morris	1

County Attorney

Ricardo St. Hilaire	885

Write Ins

Madison Boemig	1

County Treasurer

Carol Elliott	898

Register of Deeds

Joel A. Dupuis	888

Register of Probate

Rebecca R. Wyman	877

County Commissioner

Bill Gabler	874

Question relating to constitutional Amendment Proposed by the 2004 General Court

Are you in favor of repealing and reenacting part II, article 73-a of the constitution in order to clarify that bother judiciary and legislature have the authority to regulate court practices and procedures and to resolve potential conflicts that may arise so that it reads as follows:
Art 73-a (Court Practices and Procedures) The chief justice of the Supreme Court shall be the administrative head of all the courts in the state. The chief justice shall have the power, with the concurrence of a majority of the other Supreme Court justices, to make rules of general application regulating court administration and the practice, procedure, and admissibility of evidence in all courts in the state. The legislature shall have a concurrent power to regulate the same matter by statutes of general application, except that such legislative enactments may not abridge the judiciary's necessary ad judicatory functions. In the event of a conflict between a rule promulgated by the judiciary and a stature enacted by the legislature, the stature, it not otherwise contrary to this constitution shall prevail over the rule. (This question is submitted to the voters by the 2004 Legislature on Votes of 256 to 69 in the House of Representatives and 18-6 in the Senate. CACR5)

Yes	450	No	325

*Fictional Characters not recorded

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Richard J. Alpers

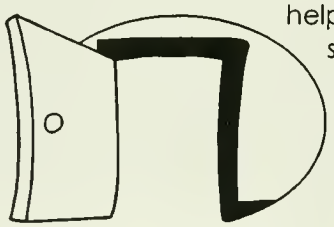
This was a year full of change in the town office staff here in Ashland. Anne Abear was here until June, she left for a position in Tamworth and we thank her for her hard work over the yeas here in Ashland. In that same month the Board of Selectmen entrusted Laura Plummer to act as administrative assistant on an interim basis until a full time administrator was hired. Laura and Patsy went above and beyond the call of duty and we commend them for this. It made for an interesting summer here in the town hall. I am proud to say, along with the Board of Selectmen, that the staff pulled together as a team and got the job done.

In September Jen Corriea of Corriea Enterprises was hired to fill the part time bookkeeper position. She has done an amazing job getting the town caught up on the financial statements and has brought some new innovative ideas on how we handle our finances.

I was hired on November 15, 2004 and enthusiastically jumped in. My short time here has been very busy and fast paced. When I arrived there was plenty to do and many people to meet. The town office staff and I completed the budget in record time. The select board and I worked together to bring the budget down as much as we could without hurting the needs of the town. We recognized the amount of surplus we have had over the past two years and are working diligently to stop that by level funding the town's budget. The town property values were updated which resulted in the tax rate dropping significantly from the past two years and we hope to keep it as this stable level.

2004 was the Department of Revenue Administration review compliance year for Ashland. Vision Appraisal, along with our current assessors from MRI, worked long and hard to bring our property values up to state mandated standards. After the process was completed we were back in line with the Department of Revenue criteria. The tax rate came down this year, and we believe most residents in town did feel some sort of relief.

As for 2005, we will continue to grow as a town and hopefully prosper in many different ways. I look forward to helping the Town of Ashland grow. As I said when I first started here in Ashland, my door is always open and I look forward to working with the residents of Ashland over the next year.



ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Commissioners Ernest Hutter, Raymond Knowlton, Melvin Holland and Superintendent Lee V. Nichols

2004 was a busy year for the Ashland Electric Department. As most of you know we negotiated with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative to purchase the customers in Ashland that reside on North Ashland Road and Route 175 areas. We had planned on the transfer as of the first of the year; however, due to some complications, we are aiming for late spring of 2005.

We continue to have a mild growth with setting eight (8) new meters and fourteen (14) new poles. We also installed 3,575 feet of primary wire (both overhead and underground) and 1,133 feet of secondary wire.

We, the Commissioners and employees of Ashland Electric wish each and every one of you a happy and prosperous new year.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Submitted by Robert B. Hicks

2004 was a very busy year for building in Ashland with eighteen (18) new housing units, well made, sturdy structures. Most of the building was in the North Ashland Road and Hicks Hill Road area. Ashland's homeowners are investing in their homes and the town by adding onto or fixing up their property. Our housing standards board is dealing with the few unsafe and deteriorating buildings.

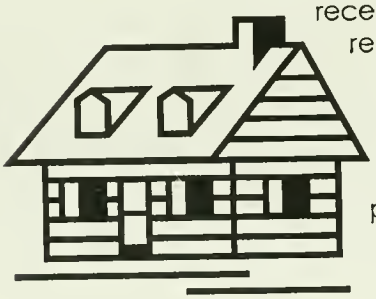
Maintaining good, safe building and code compliance is what we all want for Ashland. We have a good team with Frank Murdock, our electrical inspector, and Jerry Bridgham, our plumbing inspector, both quality men, and knowledgeable in their trade. Ashland built twelve new homes and two commercial buildings, with many additions and other building improvements.

Applications for permits can be obtained during regular Town Office hours, five days a week, 8 AM to 4 PM. We are always just a phone call away, arrangements can be made for on-site meetings, and inspections are made within a reasonably appointed time.

2004 has been a very active year for Ashland Building, 192 permits have been issued since January 1st, with fifteen new housing starts. (twice the amount of 2003) plus two steel buildings, and one three family building.

Income for permits total	2003-	$9,035.96	2004	$11,115.00
Total town improvements	2003-	$3,464,815.00	2004	$4,323,208.00

	2003	**2004**
1. Building Permits	81	74
2. Electric Permits	37	37
3. Plumbing Permits	29	31
4. Oil Burner Permits	23	26
5. Driveway Permits	7	11
6. Sign Permits	10	4
7. Demolition Permits	5	9
8. Mobile Home Permits	1	1



Inspections and site planning have increased this year, we have received many inquires for building regulations and information regarding new business and zoning. We use The International Building Codes 2000, along with our Ashland Building and Zoning Regulations. Our goal is to provide help for Ashland residents with their building needs and to administer the regulations as fairly and promptly as possible.

ASHLAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Mark W. Ober, Road Agent

The projects that were funded by the 2003 Road Improvement Bond were finalized this year. We completed the projects by applying a coat of one inch pavement.

Sections of North Ashland Road (8200 feet) and Hicks Hill Road (1800 feet were paved this year. The remaining sections of these roads are planned for paving if the project is funded in the 2005 budget.

A drainage project on Thompson Street, with five (5) new catch basins and 400 feet of drainage pipe was completed this summer. This should help take care of the ice problems in that area during the winter months.

Ditches were cleaned on Leavitt Hill Road, Sanborn Road, and Thompson Street with the help of a local contractor's excavator.

A gravel shoulder was put on Owl Brook Road and Highland Street with the help of the Town of Holderness and their equipment; in exchange we did some roadside mowing for them.

The town purchased a new truck for the Highway Department this year; we expect delivery of this vehicle in early 2005.

General maintenance projects were completed this year along with assisting other departments with their projects.

I wish to thank all the town employees for their help this year.

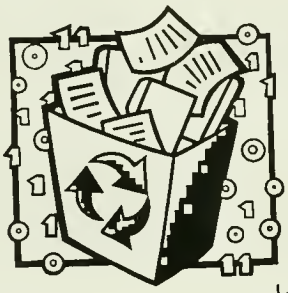
TRANSFER/RECYCLING FACILITY

Submitted by Mark W. Ober

This year at the Transfer Recycling Center we made three bunkers to store our brush, compost and metal piles.

The yearly rubbish continues to be in the 800 to 850 ton range and the construction/demolition is over 250 ton. I feel that 800 tons of "rubbish" is a lot for a town of 2000 people. These figures are a direct result of non-compliance of the mandatory recycling ordinance.

The recycling program, for those who comply, is doing well; **we could do better.** Remember we make a few dollars on our recyclables; **we have to pay for rubbish removal.** Our tax dollar is used for the rubbish removal, the more you throw in the hopper, the more we pay for removal.



By the end of 2004, the recycled material will be nearing the 250 ton level.

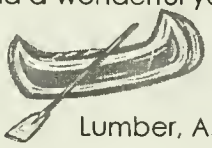
With the help and compliance of all the facility users we can decrease the rubbish tonnage and increase the recycled materials.

PARKS AND RECREATION - 2004

Submitted by Director James R. Gleich

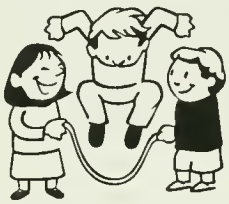
Programming:

Ashland Parks and Recreation has had a wonderful year! We started off the New Year with the introduction of a new program called "Hope It Floats / Boat Building with Children and Teens." I would like to thank the following businesses and people for all of their help and donations of building materials: Ashland Lumber, Ash True Value, Ashland Elementary School, Freudenberg-Nok, Rochester Shoe Tree, New Found Woodworks, Riveredge Marina, Neale Bavis, Craig Moore, The Morrell Family, The Vachon Family, and Cynthia Kern. Without the help and generosity of these people the program would have never happened. By the way, all of the boats did float and the kids had fun with the whole experience.



The Summer Day Camp Program was well received. We had 64 campers registered with the program. I would like to thank all of the counselors and staff for all of their great work. We are looking forward to next summer. With help from a successful summer program, our After School program exploded with new applicants. We have 33 students registered as of December. This has been one of the largest registrations in recent years for this program. The program is now operating five days a week with Tuesdays taking place at the school cafeteria. I would like to offer our thanks the Bill Tirone for his assistance with our program. In addition, Lisa Fligg has returned as the "After School Program Assistant." Her dedication to the program and students clearly make her a valuable part of the staff at Ashland Parks & Rec. Thank you Lisa for all that you have done this year. We received anonymous donations that were very helpful in enhancing our programs. With their help we were able to upgrade some of our equipment that the children use at the After School Program.

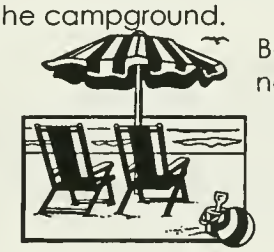
Throughout the year many Ashland residents participated in numerous programs sponsored through Parks & Recreation. These activities included various cooking classes, movie field trips, holiday parties, snow tubing at Cannon, and more. Many of these programs will be repeated in 2005 due to their popularity. In the New Year there will be numerous large-scale workshops on various skills like sewing, boat building, and more cooking classes. If you would like to see a particular program in Ashland, just let me know and I will try my best to bring it to life.



Campground & Beach

The campground and beach has seen a lot of activity this past year; everything from boat races to parties at the beach. The Edward Doggett Campground was at full capacity. All 23 sites were filled and well used this past summer. We are looking forward to another packed summer at the campground.

The Ashland Town Beach was a blur of activity during the summer. We opened the new concession booth and bathrooms too much well received attention by the town residents and fellow beach goers. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the lifeguards and beach staff for all of their long hours and dedication to the beach and the



beach patrons. Next summer the beach concession area is looking to increase their variety of snack foods being offered. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the beach next summer.

Facilities Updates:

Throughout 2004 many of our facilities have been involved in some type of renovation or refurbishment. All of these improvements have helped to increase the quality of our building but also the quality of our programming available to the community. These improvements are as follows:

- Completion of the following building projects:
    - Hand railing and motion sensor lights at the Booster Club
    - Painting of the Beach House Bathrooms. (My thanks go out to the boys from the Becket House of Rumney for all of the great assistance.)

- Proposed projects for the new year include:
    - Lifeguards stands being built by Ashland Elementary School.
    - Replacing the Booster Club kitchen floor.
    - More to follow as they are discovered.

Many thanks need to go out to all the members of the community who had helped make these repairs possible. Without all of your help, contributions of time, effort and donations these repairs and upkeep would be impossible. My thanks to Raymond Knowlton, Mark Ober, Lee Nichols, and all of the gentlemen at the Highway Department, for your assistance with the various project throughout the year. Last but not least, I would like to thank Laura, Patsy, and Eli for everything they have helped me with throughout the year.

Community Involvement:

There are many ways for you (residents of Ashland) to become involved within Parks & Recreation:

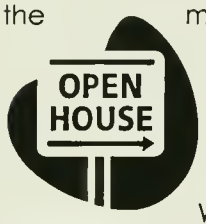
- Attend programs
- Volunteer some of your time to help an activity happen.
- Suggest or Teach a class of interest
- Chaperone a trip
- Sponsor a camper
- Become a counselor at the summer program
- Serve on the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Be a concerned citizen; let us know if you notice something out of the ordinary.
- Think of us when you are cleaning out those attics, garages, playrooms, and basements. (Many thanks to the individuals who did this in 2003; your donations help make many of our programs possible)
- Donate some time to help build something
- Serve as a handyman.

These are just a few ways in which individuals can become a part of our Parks & Recreation program. The more people that get involved, the more the Ashland Community can grow. Help us bring even more diverse program to your community. Help us grow to meet the needs of our great community. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the 2004-year possible. Here's to making 2005 an even better year.

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

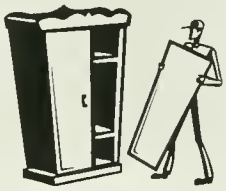
Submitted by David Ruell, President

2004 was another busy year for the Ashland Historical Society. The Whipple House Museum was closed in 2003 so that the Society's collection could be reorganized, and the museum refurbished. The first floor of the museum did reopen, with an ice cream social, on July 4 this year. In the spring, the middle room was renovated, with the tired old wallpaper removed, and the walls and trim repainted. New display lighting was added in the middle room closet and the first floor hallway. The stairs were repainted and the stair tread repaired. A new permanent exhibit on the life of Dr. George Hoyt Whipple was installed in the hallway, along with an exhibit on music. The middle room, which will be used for rotating exhibits, featured a display on women's fashions of the 1920's this summer. Smaller exhibits focused on weaving, PeeWee Duguay, and the 4th of July.



Upstairs, the back bedroom was converted to a workroom with two new worktables. The former upstairs bathroom was made more usable for its present function as a storage area by the removal of the old bathtub, and the installation of new shelves. The cataloging of the museum collection, with digital photos of each object, continues. And the collection grew with many new items, such as glass negatives of a family camp on Little Squam Lake in the 1890's and the street front sign for Bailey's store, which was such an Ashland landmark for decades.

In their second year of work, the four members of the archives committee completed virtually all of the basic sorting and filing of the numerous documents, newspapers, books, photographs, and other paper items, that have been acquired over the years by the Society. To store the books, magazines, scrapbooks, ledgers, etc., the two long walls of the small library room were lined with bookcases, including five new ones, one donated and four built with materials given by Ashland Lumber Company. The company also donated the materials for three large shelf storage units built in the attic of the apartment shed to store boxes of newspapers and documents, as well as two jack posts to better support the attic floor. File drawers and cabinets, including three recently donated units, were used in the large library room to store folders and photographs.



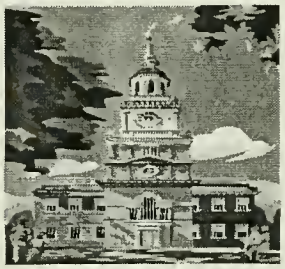
The Whipple House apartment required some investment this year. The bathroom renovation was completed with a new bathtub surround and new paint on the walls and trim. Two unanticipated expenses for the apartment were the replacement of the middle room space heater and the hot water heater. On the exterior, the entry ceiling was re-plastered and thirty shutters repaired and repainted. Two old maple trees on the north boundary were trimmed to keep their branches from dropping on the neighbor's property.

The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum had another successful year, with new exhibits and several physical improvements. Storage shelves were built in the attic and cellar stairway. The curtains were revamped and window screens added. Security was improved by updating the alarm system and the locks. A dehumidifier and a sump pump were installed in the basement. Brush was removed from the grounds. A new

membership support group, The Friends of the Glidden Toy Museum, was established. The first issue of an annual museum newsletter and museum postcards were published. The Toy Museum sponsored public events, the Young Ladies Tea, the Appraisal Day, and a bus trip to the Wenham Museum, as well as a tea and a luncheon for the museum volunteers.

The Railroad Station Museum sponsored its annual events, the Pemi Valley Model Train Show at the Plymouth Senior Center and the Veterans Weekend dinner train ride. Research continued on a plan to build a siding at the station for display of rolling stock and rental of caboose spaces. A protective fence was installed around the large woodstove.

The preservation of the historic Ashland school Building took some steps forward this year. In March, the Ashland School Board and the Tri-County Community Action Program finally signed a purchase and sales agreement. TCCAP subsequently received site plan review approval from the Planning Board and variances from the ZBA needed to proceed with its plan to renovate the old school for Headstart and other community programs. The big task that remains is to raise the rest of the money for this project. The Historical Society is helping TCCAP by paying a grant writer to apply to private foundations for grants. We held a successful Duck Derby on August 28 as part of the Community Council's Day on the Town. Hundred of our plastic ducks raced for 64 prizes donated by area businesses. The Society has also been selling sponsorships of the windows, windowpanes, and bricks of the old school. This is a good opportunity to participate and to remember relatives and friends.



The Historical Society continued to sponsor historical programs that were free to the public. In 2004, they included the history of Memorial Day in Ashland, a walking tour of the village, genealogical research; muster days in New Hampshire, the adventure of Indian captive Susannah Johnson, home milk delivery in New England, and a concert of early Edison phonograph recordings. We held our usual annual fundraiser, a fine lobster dinner catered by the Common Man, in Memorial Park in August. To meet our unanticipated expenses, we also held a special Dinner in a Bowl in October, with chili and beef stew cooked by our members and served in donated bowls the diners could keep.

This year, the Society paid for a pass available to all patrons of the Town Library that provides free admission to the N.H. Historical Society Museum and Library. We hope that people will take advantage of this pass to visit the interesting state historical museum or to do research at the state's major historical library. The Society continued to exhibit enlarged reproductions of historic Ashland photographs at the Utility Office, with displays this year of former lodging places, parades, bridges and the railroad station. We adopted a mission statement and a conflict of interest policy.

All of these accomplishments would not be possible without the work of many volunteers and the donations of many supporters. We would like to end by thanking all who contributed to the Society's programs and projects in 2004.

ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION 2004

Submitted by Robert B. Hicks, Chairman

Ashland's history is found in several ways, written histories, family genealogies, cemetery inscriptions, vital records, roads and buildings. Every house has a history of its own. The family didn't have to be famous or their names inscribed on a monument, just the fact that a family lived their lives within its walls, and sheltered by its roof. Its glass was used to peer out at a particular time in history. For that reason people of historic interest love to see a house or building repaired, and feel a sense of loss when one is let go, deteriorating to the point of demolition. One building we all know well is Ashland's Town Hall and Police Department.

Photograph courtesy of the Ashland Historical society (circa 1900)

Ashland Town Hall (written by Doris S.Tatham 1989)
For the Grafton County Historic and Genealogy Society

The first Hall on this site was the Livermore Hall. (Squam Lake Hall) Dances, social gatherings, were held there. As many as three Bands held concerts there. It was built about 1840. The Hall burned April 5th 1871.

Jonathan F. Keyes and Susan Keyes sold the land to the Town of Ashland for $500.00. (Bounds mentioned in the deed were "dwelling house of Dr. John A. Dana (former John Ernest and later Carleton Beard house) St. Marks Episcopal Church, and the highway. (Highland Street) "The said town on its part, agreeing to build and keep in repair in all coming time, a good and substantial fence between the above described land and the adjoining land of sd. J. F. Keyes." Dated 25th of July 1871. (Book 319 P. 514 Aug. 3 1871)

The building of the Town Hall started soon after. There was a stage, a stove with a long stove pipe, a balcony, and cloakroom. The Town "Lock-up" or jail was in a small brick building beside the Town Hall. In recent years, it was used as a Dog Pound.

In 1898, Ashland appropriated $2,000. for a Soldiers Monument.
(Town of Ashland 1,500.00, GAR 200.00, Woman's Relief 300.00)

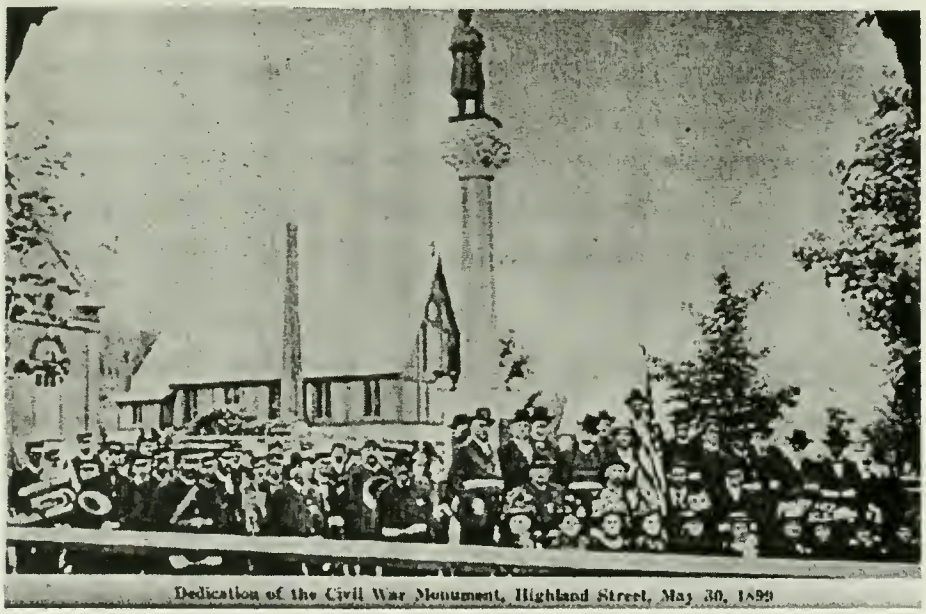
The site chosen was the Town Hall grounds. Ashland contributed 83 men to the union in the Civil War, one man for every ten persons in town.

The GAR donated $200 and the Women's Relief Corps raised $300. Colonel T.P. Cheney, Frank L. Hughes, and Edward P. Warner were appointed committee in charge. The monument is of Concord granite with bronze tablets on four sides. There is a bronze statue seven feet high at the top of a soldier at parade rest.

About ten days before the dedication, a special Town Meeting was held. Some of the citizens decided that the monument should be on Main Street. A drinking fountain at the juncture of Main, Thompson, and Mill Streets had to be moved. James O. Clark and his horse moved the monument intact.

The Town Hall houses the Town Office, Selectmen's Room and the Police Station. At one time there were classrooms on the second floor.

The Livermore Hall stood on this site as early as 1840. It was used for dances, meetings, socials, and Band Practice. It burned in 1869. Jonathan F. Keyes, who had the first bank in town purchased the land. When the village part of Holderness became the industrial and more populated sector, there were many disagreements as to town



Photograph courtesy of the Ashland Historical society (1899)

expenditures and meeting places. Finally, July 1868, the village sector became a new town, Ashland, and was known as the Four Mile Township.

The Town Hall was built in 1871, was used for Town Meetings, Selectmen's offices, basketball games and entertainment. Before 1900, the Soldiers monument, now at Monument Square, was in the Town Hall yard. After months of controversy, newspaper headlines, and bitter words, it was moved to Monument Square.

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

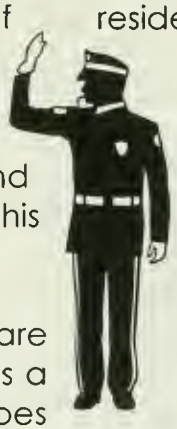
Submitted by Chief Joseph Chivell

2004 has been an active year for the members of the Ashland Police Department.

We continue to be proactive in the areas of patrol and awareness. The officers make a concerted effort to patrol and check every area of town throughout their shifts. Although there is no way to place a number of criminal actions that are prevented, I believe their efforts are reflected in the activity report numbers.

We also continue to make every effort in educating the area youth of ways to be safe and lead a healthy and productive life.

I've spent many hours this summer with a group of residents in an effort to review the police budget and activities to assure that the town is receiving a high level of service for a reasonable cost. I would like to thank Dan Golden, Richard Ogden, Bob Moore, Dean Eastman, Kelly Shaw, and David Pearson for volunteering their time this summer on this study committee.



The officers of the Ashland Police Department are available and on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Most hours are spent on patrol. The Department does not staff the office, thus creating a limited amount of business hours. If you visit the police station and find the door locked please call our dispatch center at 968-3224 and the duty officer will respond to assist you. In the case of an emergency please call 911.

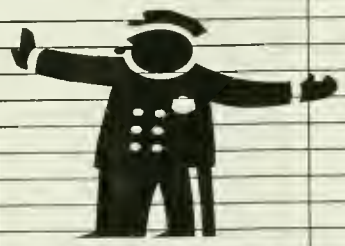
As always the members of the department would like to thank the citizens of Ashland for their continued support in our efforts to make this a safe community.

We extend our appreciation to the other departments within the town for their support and assistance throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the members of the police department for their efforts to keep Ashland a safe and enjoyable community during this past year.

2004 Police Activity

Service Calls *	5,422	**Criminal Activity**		**Motor Vehicle Activity**	
Aid to Public	1,185	Adult Arrests	185	Summons Issued	100
Aid to Fire/Ambulance	181	False Imprisonment/Criminal Restraint	9	Warnings Issued	704
Aid to other Law Enforcement	194	Interference with Custody	5	DWI	26
Aid to other Town Agency	75	Assaults	29	Motor Vehicle Accidents	85
Civil Standby	55	Sexual Assault	4	Abandoning a Vehicle	37
Alarms	64	Criminal Threatening	28	Transporting Alcohol	10
911 Hang-up Calls	30	Stalking	3	Assist Motorist	148
Missing Persons	10	Domestic Violence Act	26	Parking Tickets Issued	149
Animal Complaints	106	Attempted Burglary / Burglary	5		
School Crossing	335	Willful concealment / Shoplifting	2	**Community Involvement**	
Business/Door Checks	14,361	Theft	52	D.A.R.E.	
M/V Complaint	93	Fugitive From Justice	3	NH Special Olympics	
Attempted Suicide / Suicide	5	Underage Alcohol Violations	18	Project Childsafe	
Lost / Property	22	Receiving Stolen Property	7	July 4th Committee	
Check the Welfare	37	Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	51	Domestic Violence Council	
Suspicious Activity	111	Illegal Drug	15	File of Life	
Juvenile Cases	30	Computer Crimes	5	Halloween Safety	
Deliquency	15	Felon in Possession of Weapons	1	Child/Youth Bicycle Safety	
Run-a-way	13	Registered Sex Offenders	8	Ashland Community Day	
C.H.I.N.S	2	Issuing Bad Checks	14		
		Loitering	4		
		Public Nuisance / Disorderly Conduct	28		
		Protective Custody - Intoxication	23		
		Endangering welfare of Minor	1		
		Harassment	36		
		Trespass	41		
		Littering	9		
		Violation of Court Orders	8		
		Theft of Service	11		



* Recorded by Plymouth Dispatch not including officer initiated activity or police department walk ins

ASHLAND WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

AQUARION SERVICES COMPANY

Submitted by Russell Cross Jr,

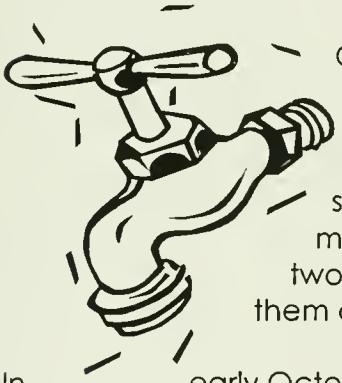
2004 has been a busy year for the Water and Wastewater Departments.

This past winter presented many problems with below average temperatures. There were thirty water meter freeze ups. In late February the 6" water main on Depot Street broke due to the frost being so deep.

The fire hydrants were all flushed in May.

Several sections of he town sewer lines were inspected and flushed this past year.

During the summer and fall there were four new water services and three new sewer services connected to the system.



Over the summer electricity was installed to the water tower. In late November the solar system was disconnected and the electricity was connected to run the SCADA system which controls the start up and stopping of the wells. In the past years during the winter months the batteries would have to be changed every two to three days because of the lack of sunlight to keep them charged.

In early October 550 feet of new 8" sewer main was replaced on Winter Street due to an extensive root problem,.

Throughout the year many projects have been completed including painting, brush cutting, mowing and general maintenance items.

Both the water and wastewater plants have met all State and Federal requirements for the past year.

REPORT OF THE WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Submitted by Ernest Paquette, Robert Boyle and Daniel Golden

It has been another busy year for the water and wastewater department:

- Jackson Pond was sold
- Water and sewer lines extended up Leavitt Hill for 3 more camps
- Winter Street sewer line replaced from Hill Avenue down to Paper Mill Road
- Computer update
- Power to water tank
- Fuel tank for plant truck
- Water break on main line for Route 132
- Alarm system installed at sewer plant building and lab
- New water and sewer lines at the Ashland Schools
- Many of the main sewer lines were flushed
- Projects included brush cutting, mowing and general maintenance
- Relining of sewer line on Riverside Drive
- Raised manholes on Riverside Drive

As you know we contract with Aquarion Services to run the water and sewer plants. The budget for this service was $256,086 for 2004. The following is a summary list of the services that we realized for this service:

- Meet all effluent requirement of the NPDES
- Properly handle biologically toxic materials
- Adhere to Clean Water Act
- Routine maintenance of all property of the water and sewer departments
- Perform all testing required by owner's NPDS Permit
- Responsible for all federal, state, and local permits
- Provide certified staff to meet with all state requirements
- Provide training of service and operations of the plant
- Provide security – locks, fence etc
- Maintain all records of operation
- Provide owner with a monthly report
- Provide operating budget for upcoming year
- Attend to repairs and replacement needs
- Report all inventory
- Maintain accounting records

We received a rebate in the amount of $2645 this year.

2004 TOWN WELFARE REPORT

(For emergency assistance)

Submitted by Welfare Officer Robert B. Hicks

Town welfare dollars for 2004 continued a trend upward; mainly due to a lack of affordable housing and area shelters. Many people who are working, or receive state benefits, cannot find housing they can afford.

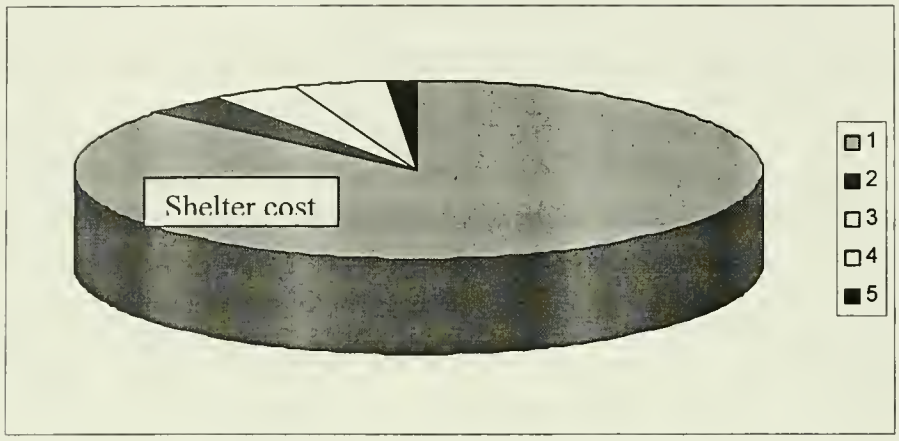
Our most common problem is shelter, affordable living, people have nowhere to turn. Some of our private tenement housing needs a lot of maintenance, and people are paying high rents with little, to no options, in deteriorating buildings.

A major problem is family shelters in our area. Plymouth has the Pemi House, a small shelter, that hasn't been able to help any Ashland residents in ten years. We have had to send people to Concord and Manchester for shelter. Transporting them and relocating them is never easy. People must be treated with respect and dignity when they ask for help for basic needs. In the past ten years I have seen the costs related to everyday living turn up, while welfare funding and Social Security seem to be standing still. An average rent in Ashland is about $700-$900; while the average Social Security check hardly covers that alone.

The Churches in Ashland and our Community Center, plus other food programs do a great job feeding the towns people in need, but shelter costs add up fast, thousands of dollars are needed. We need more resources, state and federal welfare programs are great, but the process is so time consuming it takes up to a year to process claims. For example - if a person becomes disabled and can't work, they file for Social Security disability. It can take 4 to 12 months before they receive their first check. If their rent is $700.00 per month, they need up to six thousand dollars just to hold on, factor in food, medicine, electric and other costs they might need ten to twelve thousand dollars before they receive any funding. The average person I see gets turned down at least once during the process. In fact it is so bad, there are organizations springing up to work for the applicants to push through the programs, but they take as much as thirty percent of what the applicant receives. That means 30% of what our taxes should be used for, (the needy), is going to expedite the process.

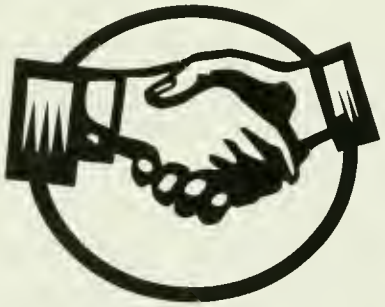
In most all situations the programs are in place, but the process becomes more and more cumbersome. Plus, in the last few years, more employers are finding reasons to fire workers instead of laying them off. This prevents our citizens from collecting Employment Security for many weeks, and starts a process of hearings, plus blotting their work record, meanwhile the burden is laid on the towns. All these situations add cost to each town's welfare programs. Ashland's welfare budget was up 20% this year.

Housing	Electric	Food	Medication	Fuel	Total 2004
$ 22,777.11	$ 990.30	$ 1,080.00	$ 1,216.61	$ 352.15	$ 26,416.17



$26,416.00 was the total amount, paid in vouchers for emergency assistance. Of that $22,777.00 went for shelter costs. Just over one hundred clients received emergency assistance.

As welfare director, I see first hand the concerns of our citizens for basic needs. We try to help with information on housing, jobs, and guide clients to the proper agency to provide long term needs.



LAND USE BOARDS

Submitted by Interim Town Planner Ellison Badger

It was another busy year for both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Planning Board held twelve public meetings and ten work sessions. The Zoning Board heard seven cases.

The Planning Board granted eight (8) requests for Site Plan Review, three (3) subdivisions and four (4) boundary line adjustments. In addition, the Board held eleven (11) informational hearings.

The Planning Board worked on the Master Plan and a change to the Zoning Ordinance zone definitions creating multi-use zones instead of industrial zones to better serve the business and light industrial needs in Ashland.

The Board will continue to work on the Master Plan in 2005. The Board will be gathering demographical information this spring. Please see the Town of Ashland's web site for updates when they become available. As always, public input is very important to the process. and the Planning Board invites all those interested to come to the work session meeting and voice your opinions. Master Plan work session dates will be posted at the Town Office, the Post Office and on the town web site for your convenience.

The Planning Board is a seven member board with three alternates. At the time of this report members include Chairman Richard Bagge, Vice Chairman Frank Stevens, Secretary Robert Boyle, Gordon McCormack Jr, Don Latulippe, Donald Porell, and Board of Selectmen's representative Robert Moore. The Board wishes to thank Jeffrey Belyea, who resigned this year, for his contributions to the board.

The Zoning Board of Appeal (Adjustment) is a five member board with three alternates. The ZBA granted six (6) variance requests and two (2) special exceptions. This year the ZBA had an increase in its volunteer membership. At the time of this report members include Chairman Mark Hormell, Vice Chairman Michael Lembo, Elaine Allard, Brian Moriarty, Francis Murdock, Ernest Gilman and Paul Bradbury. James Alba resigned this year, and we acknowledge his contribution to this board.

The town's web site is http://www.ashland.nh.gov.

ASHLAND FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT

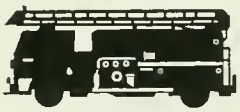
Submitted by Fire Chief Thomas Stewart

Many changes occurred within the department in the year 2004. Fire Chief Norman "Scott" Weden took on more responsibility at his full time job, so he decided to resign as the chief. Scott has since move to Plymouth and joined the fire department there. First Deputy David Paquette has resigned in order to spend more time with his family. I wish them both well with their new endeavors.

Charles Fouts has taken over the First Deputy Chief position and Bradley Ober has become Second Deputy Chief. I am pleased to have promoted these two men to their new positions.

During this past year we received $51,925.00 in grant money from the "Fire Act Grant" which has been used to replace our old air packs. We were able to buy sixteen (16) new air packs with this money. The town had to pay 10% of the cost. We also received a 50/50 "Forestry Grant" in the amount of $500 (the town matched the $500) which was used to purchase two (2) mop up kits for forestry and two (2) lengths of hose. We also received $4698.97 from the "Homelands Defense Grant" which was used to purchase ram equipment for the Jaws of Life. For a grand total of $56623.97 cash we received upon spending $6,200 for the department. This really helps the fire department and the town; we thank all the firemen who spent endless hours writing these grants.

It was another busy year for the department responding to 117 fire calls, 208 medical calls and 87 motor vehicle accidents – totaling 412 calls for service. January 2004 was the busiest month with a total of 55 calls.



We are also working on replacing the ladder truck and refurbishing the other two engines that we have. This will go before the voters at the 2005 meeting.

We want to take this time to pay tribute to former firemen Harold Baker, Roland Morrell, and Stanley Lamond. Their time and dedication to the department will never be forgotten.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made it possible for me to become the new chief.

ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Submitted by Ruth Knapp, Chairman

The Conservation Commission, once again, had a very busy year. Members attended many meetings throughout the Grafton County Conservation District and the State Department of Environmental Services. Our members also participated in the Squam Lakes Watershed Project meetings.

The Commission met several times to discuss the Mill Pond Dam Restoration project; followed by on site inspections. The Town Beach project was approve and completed. 2004 was a busy year for dock permits that were submitted and approved; timber harvesting permits were plentiful throughout town. Milfoil remains a constant source of trouble throughout the entire Squam Lakes Region. Town perambulation will be a new project for the upcoming year.

The commission accepted Dan Golden's resignation and we would like to express our gratitude for his enthusiasm and professional attitude.

We anticipate two new members to join the commission this year and we encourage any town residents that may be interested to join this commission.

We thank our citizens and the state for their support in the efforts of the Conservation Commission.

ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Submitted by Library Trustees; Jill Mudgett, Alice Staples, and Julia Smith

2004 proved to be a year of continued growth for the Ashland Town Library. Our number of registered patrons increased, our circulation numbers continue to rise, and our offerings through our collection and additional programming have expanded.

The Library has been able to offer over 135 programs to the members of the Ashland Community this year. We have added several new programs to our usual list of offerings. New programs this year include; computer classes for adults offered as a collaborative effort with Ashland's Parks and Recreation director, Jim Gleich. Thanks to the generosity of the Ashland Woman's Club we were able to offer a Children's Theater program which was well attended and well received by the community. We were once again the recipient of a grant from Kids, Books, and the Arts, through which we were able to invite a storyteller to perform during our summer reading program.

Our own Clare Robson joined us this year to lead a book discussion group focused on her book titled "Love in Good Time." Author Katherine Towler joined us to discuss her book "Snow Island" and Mary Emma Allen visited the Library to conduct a writing workshop.

The success of the Library would not be possible without the efforts of our volunteers. This year our volunteers have worked especially hard in organizing the Friends of the Ashland Town Library. This is a non profit organization that is dedicated to the support of the Library. If anyone is interested in joining the Friends Group they should contact the Ashland Town Library for further information.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Julia Smith to the Board of Trustees and to extend a special thank you to the staff of the Ashland Town Library - Sara, Weinberg, Terry Fouts and Noreen Crawford all of whom give freely of their time and talent to improve the offerings of the Library. Our thanks go out to all of you.

LIBRARY FINANCIAL 2004*

Balance January 1, 2004		Bank Accounts	
Income		**CHENEY FUND**	
Ashland Historical Society	$ 50.00	Balance 1/1/04	$ 189.49
Copier Fees	$ 94.96	Ending Balance 12/31/04	$ 189.49
Frances Platt Fund	$ 8.13	**ORDWAY FUND**	
Fundraising	$ 781.85	Balance 1/1/04	$ 128.33
Grant	$ 85.00	Ending Balance 12/31/04	$ 128.33
Interest Income	$ 3.50	**PAULINE PACKARD MEM. FUND**	
Patron Fees	$ 346.69	Balance 1/1/04	$ 69.89
Penworks	$ 263.12	Ending Balance 12/31/04	$ 69.89
Phillip Stevens	$ 103.67	**PHILIP STEVENS BOOK FUND**	
Town Appropriation	$ 44,225.00	Balance 1/1/04	$ 103.67
		Withdrawals	$ 103.67
Total Income	$ 45,961.92	Balance 12/31/04	$ -
		FRANCES M. PLATT FUND	
Expenses		Balance 1/1/04	$ 8.13
Audios	$ 1,192.24	Withdrawals	$ 8.13
Books	$ 6,957.59	Balance 12/31/04	$ -
Collection Supplies	$ 1,324.43	**HARRIET ADDISION FUND**	
Copier Supplies	$ 164.95	Balance 1/1/04	$ 124.87
Dues	$ 45.00	Ending Balance 12/31/04	$ 124.87
Equipment	$ 498.24	**FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT**	
Office Supplies	$ 83.75	Balance 1/1/04	$ 2,072.52
Payroll	$ 29,879.78	Deposits	$ 1,395.10
Postage	$ 177.00	Withdrawals	$ 2,664.85
Printing	$ 314.00	Balance 12/31/04	$ 802.77
Software	$ 198.89	**PENWORKS ACCOUNT**	
Programs	$ 624.09	Balance 1/1/04	$ 262.47
Subscriptions	$ 671.97	Interest	$ 0.65
Tech Support	$ 395.00	Withdrawals	$ 263.12
Utilities	$ 1,590.78	Balance 12/31/04	$ -
Videos	$ 1,381.49	**COPY/FAX FEES**	
		Balance 1/1/04	$ 449.52
Total Expenses	$ 45,499.20	Interest	$ 1.45
		Deposits	$ 294.70
Balance on Hand January 3, 2005	$ 479.77	Withdrawals	$ 173.95
		Balance 12/31/04	$ 571.72
		PATRON FEES	
		Balance 1/1/04	$ 482.42
		Interest	$ 1.74
*Unaudited		Deposits	$ 485.00
		Withdrawals	$ 346.69
		Balance 12/31/04	$ 622.47
		MITZI'S GARDEN OF READING	
		Beginning Balance 09/01/04	$ 200.00
		Deposits	$ 1,310.00
		Interest	$ 1.34
		Balance 12/31/04	$ 1,511.34

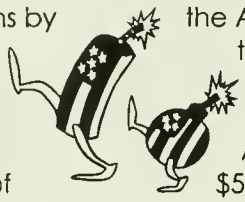
ASHLAND JULY 4 CELEBRATION – 2004

Submitted by Mary W, Ruell, Coordinator/Treasurer

Because July 4 was a Sunday in 2004, we held all the events on Saturday July 3 with great success.

We saw several improvements in 2004, not the least of which was new wiring and outlets at the Ballpark (paid by July 4 funds), thus eliminating the fumes and noise produced by separate generators brought in by the concessions.

The evening entertainment continued to feature One-Man Band and MC Art Harriman and included Jim Gleich, Ashland's new Park and Recreation Director, who organized the program and also performed. Rental of a larger sound system for the area helped.



Donations by the Ashland Woman's Club and the Legion Auxiliary remained at their high level. Volunteers from the Squam Area Chamber of Commerce raised $778 by monitoring three parking lot sites. Bob's Shurfine doubled their own contribution by appealing to Associated Grocers of New England for a match, making a total of $500. In addition, their customers dropped almost $300 more in a jar at the cash register. Donations from local and area businesses are also significant and much appreciated.

The Committee invited Lumina Straw, lifetime resident and helper to many, to be the Grand Marshal of the parade. The Bridges family, marshals of the 2003 parade, report that they are doing well in their new location in North Carolina.

We are especially pleased with the work of the relatively new members of the Committee, as well as that of the "old timers". As always, we appreciate the assistance of the Police, Fire, Highway and Electric Departments and the generosity of the Common Man.

We also thank all who worked, all who donated, and all who participated in the "best Fourth of July Celebration around".

ASHLAND JULY 4 COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL REPORT - 12/31/04

Balance on hand January 1, 2004			$ 11,732.89
Town Patriotic Appropriation			$ 1,500.00
Interest			$ 6.11
INCOME			
DONATIONS			
Organizations (3)			
American Legion Auxiliary	$ 468.00		
Ashland Woman's Club	$ 300.00		
Squam Chamber of Commerce	$ 778.00		
Individuals	$ 125.00		
Businesses (25)	$ 2,270.00		
Total		$ 3,941.00	
COLLECTIONS			
Field	$ 1,561.10		
Button Sales	$ 1,080.67		
Customers (2 stores)	$ 378.08		
Total		$ 3,019.85	
FOOD EVENTS			
Pancake Breakfast	$ 2,568.00		
Barbecue	$ 1,244.00		
Food Booth	$ 930.50		
Total		$ 4,742.50	
OTHER			
Concession Fees	$ 1,755.00		
Raffle Proceeds	$ 316.00		
T-Shirt sales	$ 1,384.00		
Total		$ 3,455.00	
Total earned			$ 15,158.35
Total available			**$ 28,397.35**
EXPENDITURES			
Fireworks display		$ 7,500.00	
Parade Units (4)		$ 1,850.00	
Entertainment		$ 100.00	
Sound System rental		$ 200.00	
Publicizing		$ 264.00	
Buttons cost		$ 324.00	
Food cost (3 events)		$ 1,000.00	
T-Shirt cost		$ 1,212.55	
Portable toilets (6)		$ 600.00	
Tags		$ 108.32	
Postage		$ 37.00	
Total Expenditures			$ 13,195.87
Net Income			$ 15,201.48
Less Electrical Improvements at ballpark			$ 1,777.18
Balance at Meredith Village Savings Bank			$ 13,424.30

ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK

Submitted by Memorial Park Trustees – Marion Merrill, Chair, Mary Ruell

Ernest Hutter, Philip Preston

Once again we can report with pride that the Ashland Memorial Park has been and is a beauty spot in the heart of our town. It is the view by which out town is judged and the credit goes to everyone who took a part, large or small, in providing the funds to develop it and the interest in maintaining it free of litter and vandalism. We hope you will all enjoy what you have provided.

We sincerely thank the Ashland Garden Club for planting and tending the old fountain base and the flagpole and watering trough areas. It shows their expertise, eye for beauty, and cooperative spirit by keeping our public areas beautiful.

A problem we will face in the future who used its ugly face this summer when the lower Squam River was drawn down for several weeks while the dam was being repaired. The dam that forms the ponds that provides the lovely backdrop for the park has long been kept in repair by L.W. Packard Company, which no longer has a need for it. They responded to the state's requirements this year by do not foresee doing it again. Any future owner of the mill property may or may not have an interest, so the Park Trustees will need to stay on top of future developments and state requirements to make sure that the pond is maintained.

As you can see by the accompanying financial report, we have received minimal returns from our invested trust fund and have been especially frugal in doing the absolute minimum for the maintenance of the park. As we pledged long ago, the park has been developed and maintained without the use of tax funds, and we intend to keep that pledge. We would be most encouraged if someone were to make a memorial gift that would help us do that; our mailing address is PO Box 320, Ashland, NH 03217.

ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK

FINANCIAL REPORT 2004

BALANCE-JANUARY 1, 2004			$	1,127.32
Interest for year			$	0.65
RECEIPTS				
USB Financial Service	$	307.46		
A.G. Edwards Trust Fund	$	1,000.00		
A.G. Edwards Trust Fund	$	2,000.00		
Donations (Use of park)				
Ashland Historical Society	$	75.00		
Community Council of Ashland	$	25.00		
Total			$	3,407.46
Total Available			**$**	**4,535.43**
EXPENDITURES				
-	$	3,285.00		
Post office box, postage	$	31.40		
Total Expenditures			$	3,316.40
Balance December 31, 2004				
Meredith Village Savings Bank			$	1,219.03

INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	BOOK	PAGE	DATE
003-002-004	96 COLLINS STREET (LANDFILL)	28.4	$ 45,800.00	$ 22,100.00	1142	551	6/9/1971
003-003-001	NEW HAMPTON TOWN LINE	3.4	$ 17,900.00				
003-003-002	137 COLLINS STREET (WWTF)	108	$ 167,400.00	$ 9,024,000.00		222	4/22/1955
004-001-003	72 CEDAR LAND (PUMP STATION)	36.34	$ 82,800.00	$ 17,800.00	2191	54	4/15/1996
004-002-015	JCT HILLSIDE AVE/MAIN STREET	0.44	$ 8,800.00				
004-004-001	99 MAIN STREET (BALLFIELD / BOOSTER CLUB)	7	$ 233,700.00	$ 164,000.00			
	DEED - SULLIVAN				562	119	
	DEED - SPAULDING				826	71	11/1/1952
	DEED - KILPATRICK				969	156	4/30/1962
	DEED - BROWN				770	328	
	DEED - KNAPP				1087	510	1/8/1969
011-003-008	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.05	$ 1,000.00		2394	653	5/24/1999
011-003-010	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.04	$ 950.00		2394	651	5/24/1999
011-006-004	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (EDWARD DOGGETT BEACH)	1.5	$ 239,500.00	$ 3,300.00	863	431	5/18/1955
012-005-003	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (E. DOGGETT CAMPGROUND)	5.2	$ 39,250.00	$ 28,200.00			
014-001-001-002	HYDRO DAM ON STATE LAND			$ 147,500.00			
014-001-020	RIVER STREET (BOAT LAUNCH)	0.15	$ 35,750.00				
015-001-001-A	RIVER STREET/CROSS ROAD		$ 23,300.00				
015-001-020	RIVER STREET / CROSS ROAD	1.1	$ 1,850.00		549	503	
015-002-019	RIVER STREET	1.4	$ 23,900.00		471	126	
015-002-020	RIVER STREET	0.04	$ 900.00		1109	519	3/3/1970
015-002-021	RIVER STREET	1.3	$ 12,050.00		2394	652	5/24/1999
016-002-001	HIGHLAND AND MAIN STREET	0.046	$ 8,800.00				
016-003-020	EDUCATION WAY (ASHLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS)	26	$ 312,200.00	$ 2,879,200.00			
016-007-001	20 HIGHLAND STREET (ASHLAND TOWN HALL)	0.61	$ 49,150.00	$ 306,700.00	1167	405	7/3/1972
016-009-004	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	0.06	$ 5,100.00		2155	649	8/24/1995
					2155	653	8/24/1995
016-009-009	MAIN STREET/RIVERSIDE DRIVE (MEMORIAL PARK)	0.94	$ 22,500.00	$ 3,200.00			
	DEED - MARINE LAND				1099	430	8/25/1969
	DEED - SIRLES LAND				1099	425	9/26/1969
017-001	MAIN STREET / DEPOT STREET	0.07					
017-006-009	12 PLEASANT STREET (WHIPPLE HOUSE)	0.93	$ 56,700.00	$ 202,100.00	1120	106	7/21/1970
017-007-001	41 MAIN STREEET (SCRIBNER LIBRARY)	0.4	$ 154,850.00	$ 169,200.00	SCRIBNER WILL JAN 1935		
017-007-012	MAIN STREET (LEGION BUILDING LAND)	0.75	$ 191,100.00		712	169	
017-008-001	MAIN AND MECHANIC STREET (PARKING LOT)	0.31	$ 71,700.00	$ 4,900.00	661	84	
017-009-001	9 MAIN STREET (ASHLAND FIRE STATION)	0.59	$ 175,800.00	$ 351,300.00			
017-011-002	DEPOT STREET	0.02	$ 800.00				
017-013-008	WASHINGTON STREET	0.402	$ 17,150.00		2394	650	5/24/1999
018-001-001	6 COLLINS STREET (UTILITY/TOWN GARAGE)	3.5	$ 35,600.00	$ 236,500.00	1359	656	
018-004-001	HAROLD AVERY STREET	0.55	$ 9,600.00		1416	659	3/5/1981
018-004-002	HAROLD AVERY STREET	0.52	$ 9,500.00		1416	659	3/5/1981
018-004-034	HAROLD AVERY STREET (WATER TOWER)	1.2	$ 23,500.00	$ 828,000.00	1424	233	6/17/1981
025-002-005	WEST SIDE TOWN LINE - RANGE		$ 16,700.00				

SOURCE - DEEDS AND PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS
SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS IF FOUND

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY - 2004

USE	ADDRESS	BULDING VALUE	VALUE OF CONTENTS
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING / POLICE	20 HIGHLAND STREET	$ 242,600.00	$ 200,000.00
FIRE STATION	9 MAIN STREET	$ 393,300.00	$ 130,000.00
LIBRARY	41 MAIN STREET	$ -	$ 451,000.00
HISTORICAL MUSEUM	12 PLEASANT STREET	$ 171,800.00	$ 50,000.00
TOWN GARAGE	6 COLLINS STREET	$ 304,000.00	$ 200,000.00
STORAGE SHED - ELECTRIC	6 COLLINS STREET	$ 1,650.00	$ 30,000.00
STORAGE SHED (4) AT HIGHWAY	6 COLLINS STREET	$ 58,000.00	$ 50,000.00
SEWER PLANT (5) BUILDINGS	137 COLLINS STREET	$ 6,613,200.00	$ 250,000.00
SUBSTATION	18 COLLINS STREET	$ 750,000.00	$ -
PARK / RECREATION BUILDING	99 MAIN STREET	$ 71,700.00	$ 40,000.00
BATHHOUSE	284 RIVER STREET	$ 20,700.00	$ 1,000.00
SQUAM RIVER COVERED BRIDGE		$ 260,000.00	
REPEATER ANTENNA	PEPPERCORN ROAD	$ 6,000.00	
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	72 CEDAR LANE	$ 77,000.00	$ 300,000.00
TWO DUGOUTS - BALLFIELD	99 MAIN STREET	$ 3,400.00	
GATE HOUSE/BATHHOUSE - BEACH	19 LEAVITT HILL ROAD	$ 15,000.00	$ 1,000.00
GAZEBO AT BALL PARK	99 MAIN STREET	$ 3,500.00	
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	99 MAIN STREET	$ 2,500.00	
CONCESSION STAND AT BALLPARK	99 MAIN STREET	$ 800.00	
WATER STORAGE TANK	68 HAROLD AVERY STREET	$ 10,000.00	
TRANSFER STATION BUILDINGS	96 COLLINS STREET	$ 30,000.00	
SKATING RINK	99 MAIN STREET	$ 17,387.00	
SEWER PUMP STATION	148 RIVER STREET	$ 200,000.00	
SEWER PUMP STATION #2	242 RIVER STREET	$ 200,000.00	
SEWER PUMP STATION #3	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	$ 200,000.00	
GRINDER PUMP	299 RIVER STREET	$ 2,500.00	

**SOURCE : LGC PROPERTY SCHEDULE

	SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION 2004		
	VALUE OF LAND ONLY		
	CURRENT USE		$ 311,268.00
	CONSERVATION RESTRICTION		$ 1,734.00
	RESIDENTIAL		$ 38,498,800.00
	COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL		$ 11,800,450.00
	TOTAL TAXABLE LAND		$ 50,612,252.00
	VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY		
	RESIDENTIAL		$ 101,156,600.00
	MANUFACTURED HOUSING		$ 1,916,000.00
	COMMERCIAL/INDUSTIAL		$ 22,467,600.00
	TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS		$ 125,540,200.00
	PUBLIC UTITLIES		
	ELECTIC UTILITIES		$ 773,050.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES		$ 773,050.00
	VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		
	BLIND EXEMPTIONS		$ 45,000.00
	ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS		$ 751,066.00
	TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED		$ 796,066.00
	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR		
	MUNICIPAL, COUNTY LOCAL TAX IS COMPUTED		$ 176,129,436.00
	NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX FOR STATE		
	EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		$ 175,356,386.00
	**THIS INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE DRA MS 1 FORM (2004 SUMMARY VALUATION OF INVENTORY)		

TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS - 2004				
TOWN PORTION				
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	$ 6,757,014.00			
LESS - REVENUES	$ 5,297,999.00			
LESS - SHARED REVENUES	$ 33,105.00			
ADD- OVERLAY	$ 29,370.00			
ADD - WAR SERVICE CREDITS	$ 16,900.00			
NET TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		$ 1,472,180.00		
APPROVED TOWN TAX EFFORT			$ 1,472,180.00	
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE				**$ 8.36**
SCHOOL PORTION				
NET SCHOOL BUDGET	$ 2,101,736.00			
REGIONAL SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT	$ 1,071,854.00			
LESS - ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	$ (728,262.00)			
LESS - STATE EDUCATION TAXES	$ (467,190.00)			
APPROVED SCHOOL TAX EFFORT			$ 1,978,138.00	
LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE				**$ 11.23**
STATE EDUCATION TAXES				
EQUALIZATION VALUATION (NO UTILITIES) x	$ 3.33			
$140,297,440			$ 467,190.00	
STATE SCHOOL TAX RATE				**$ 2.66**
COUNTY PORTION				
DUE TO COUNTY	$ 249,721.00			
LESS - SHARED REVENUES	$ (3,824.00)			
APPROVED COUNTY TAX EFFORT			$ 245,897.00	
COUNTY TAX RATE				**$ 1.40**
TOTAL TAX RATE				**$ 23.65**
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED		$ 4,163,405.00		
LESS WAR SERVICE CREDITS		$ (16,900.00)		
ADD VILLAGE DISTRICT COMMITMENT		$ -		
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT		$ 4,146,505.00		
	PROOF OF RATE			
NET ASSESSED VALUATION		TAX RATE	ASSESSMENT	
STATE EDUCATION TAX (NO UTILITIES)	$ 175,356,386.00	$ 2.66	$ 467,190.00	
ALL OTHER TAXES	$ 176,129,436.00	$ 20.99	$ 3,696,215.00	
			$ 4,163,405.00	
Signed by Barbara Robinson, Department of Revenue Administration				
2-Nov-04				

GENESIS – 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Michael Coughlin, Executive Director

To the Residents of Ashland:

Genesis Behavioral Health is very grateful to the Town of Ashland for your 2004 appropriation. This funding helped Genesis cover the costs of providing mental health care to residents of your town who are unable to pay the full cost of their services.

During Fiscal Year 2004 (ending June 20, 2004), a total of 50 Ashland residents came to Genesis to find help for their mental health problems. Their ages break down as follows:

Ages 1 to 17 – (18); Ages18 to 59 – (28); Age 60 and over - (4)
Totaling 50

From this total, 12 residents did not have the resources to cover the costs of their services in full. This "charity care" totaled $12, 820. Your appropriation helped cover a portion of those costs.

Since 1966, Genesis Behavioral Health has provided mental health services for residents of the Lakes Region. Services are provided to children in schools, at home and in special programs designed to help the children practice the skills they need to improve their lives. Elders may receive services in their homes, group homes or nursing homes. Our Gatekeeper Program trains community volunteers to be alert to elders living alone who may need assistance. The Genesis Community Support Program provides services for adults living with life-long mental illnesses. Finally, individual therapy for adults and children can help address issues causing distress as well as provide guidance towards positive behaviors. Genesis emergency services are available 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

It's a fact. One out of five Americans will experience some kind of mental illness every year. Residents seeking mental health care are urged to call Genesis in Laconia at 524-1100.

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

ASHLAND TOWN REPORT – 2004

The Town of Ashland representative on the board is Mary Ruell. Pemi-Baker Home Health and Hospice provides your community with a multitude of services and programs. Some of the new initiatives during 2004 have been....

- Continuing participation in the Home visiting NH program called "Healthy Mom, Happy Baby", a collaborative effort with Speare Memorial Hospital
- Foot Care clinic at the Plymouth Senior Center
- "Channel 3: "Your Health Matters" presented 5 programs for local viewing, including
- Channel 3 – "The Doctor is In" are tapes provide by Dartmouth Hitchcock and run every week
- Hospice Volunteer Education Programs and annual training
- Added Quality management position to staff
- Participation in PSU Center Health Forum and Cancer Walk
- Blood Pressure Clinics and information sessions to the Business Professional Women's Club in Plymouth and the Hebron Women's Club, the Warren Senior lunch, the Town of Groton at the Library, and the NH Cooperative Annual Meeting
- Provided immunizations clinics to the Russell School in Rumney, Holderness Central School, Thornton Elementary School, Plymouth Elementary School and Ashland Elementary School
- Participation in the Plymouth Regional High School's LNA/LPN program
- The Grafton County Home forum was held at the Grafton County Nursing Home on September 20. The four home care agencies in Grafton County provided a luncheon program to state representatives, selectmen, commissioners and legislative candidates. The program detailed the shortcoming of Medicaid reimbursement for home care services and was well attended by concerned government officials
- Wellness Fair – Pemigewasset National Bank
- Hospice Presentation – Holderness School, Sophomore Class
- 2004 Annual Hospice Tree and Garland lighting ceremonies at Dresser's Unlimited and Pemigewasset National Bank – West Plymouth

As we continue to be active in the community, we live our mission as a non-profit organization that is to serve our member towns and surrounding communities by providing health care and hospice services to individuals and families in their homes and in the community. From our patient satisfaction surveys, community support of our annual campaign and letters of appreciation from patients, we feel confident we are meeting that mission.

The Town of Ashland's contribution to the Pemi-Baker Home Health and Hospice is $9167.00 for 2005

VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE

2004 REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ASHLAND

Submitted by Jaye Olmstead, Executive Director

To the Voices Against Violence staff, board members, volunteers and supportive community members:

First of all we'd like to thank you for just being there.

Some of us have stayed with, or returned to, abusive partners because we didn't think we could make it on our own.

You have shown us different.

You have convinced us that we, and our children, deserve different.

You have helped us to realize that we are not worthless, as we have been conditioned so long to believe.

Thank you for reminding us that we are good parents when we were told the opposite for so long.

Thank you for helping us rediscover our self-esteem or even realize it for the first time.

Thank you for reminding us how to be assertive and protect our boundaries.

Thank you for letting us vent about custodial issues, "the system," etc., whenever we needed to.

Thank you for providing us with the necessities while we're trying to get back on our feet.

Thank you for helping our children have happy birthdays when we couldn't quite do it ourselves.

Thank you for helping us obtain things like haircuts and long neglected dental care that helps us immeasurably to feel better about ourselves.

Thank you for providing fun things to do with our families and even occasional time away from them.

Thank you for helping us obtain vehicles that go a long way in helping us to regain our independence.

Thank you for helping us try to find housing and making sure that we have everything we need when we do find that housing.

Thank you for your kindness, caring and support.

Thank you for all the other things you do that are too numerous to mention.

By appreciative clients of
Voices Against Violence

Grafton County

Senior Citizens Council Inc.

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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.
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Bristol Area Senior Services
P.O. Box 266
Bristol, NH 03222
744-8395

Horse Meadow Senior Center
91 Horse Meadow Road
N. Haverhill, NH 03774
787-2539

Linwood Area Senior Services
P.O. Box 461
Lincoln, NH 03251
745-4705

Littleton Area Senior Center
P.O. Box 98
Littleton, NH 03561
444-6050

Mascoma Area Senior Center
P.O. Box 210
Canaan, NH 03741
523-4333

Orford Area Senior Services
P.O. Box 98
Orford, NH 03777
353-9107

ymouth Regional Senior Center
P.O. Box 478
Plymouth, NH 03264
536-1204

Upper Valley Senior Center
P.O. Box 433
Lebanon, NH 03766
448-4213

VP of Upper Valley & White Mts.
P.O. Box 433
Lebanon, NH 03766
448-1825

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink, and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2004, 101 older residents of Ashland were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center:

- Older adults from Ashland enjoyed 1,879 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 2,455 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Ashland residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 798 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 171 visits by a trained social worker or contacts with ServiceLink.
- Ashland's elderly citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 929 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Ashland residents in 2004 was $35,519.26.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Ashland's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

A United Way Agency providing services to older adults in Grafton County

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Submitted by Robert Berti, Chairman PBSWD

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met seven (7) times during 2004. The District was once again active in household hazardous waste management, fluorescent light bulb recycling and paint recycling. A number of towns (7) initiated the collection of electronics for recycling as well. The district towns also continued to improve their cooperative recycling efforts with the Campton/Thornton/Ellsworth, Plymouth and Rumney facilities serving as processing facilities for a number of the smaller District towns. Working cooperatively on all of these programs allows individual District towns to save significant resources of time and money.

With assistance from North Country Council, the District held three (3) one-day collections events – Littleton and Rumney in the summer and Plymouth in the fall. These collections resulted in the proper disposal/recycling of over 4000 gallons of material. Over 350 households participated in this program. The average amount of household hazardous waste dropped off by each participant increased from 13 gallons in 2003 to 16 gallons. The District received $11,050 in grant funds from the State of NH's Household Hazardous Waste Program to help offset some of our program costs. In 2005, the District plans to hold two (2) HHW collections in the spring (Littleton and Thornton) and (1) in the fall (Plymouth).

In addition to the one-day HHW collections individual District towns continued to collect leftover/unused household paint. This material is accepted at most facilities April through September. Our selected contractor sorts the material by color and then processes it into a recycled paint product for commercial sale. Using this program the District was able to save $140/box over last years recycling/reuse rate with our HHW contractor; over 2000 gallons of paint was collected.

The District recycled over 27000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs. These bulbs were collected at individual transfer stations throughout the year. In the spring and fall pickups were coordinated with our recycling vendor. Communities recycling electronics collected over ten (10) tons of material since May. These individual collection programs followed another successful one-day electronics recycling collection held in April at the Littleton Transfer Station where over four (4) tons of material was collected for recycling.

In October the District voted to return, in its entirety with accrued interest, individual members' unspent district appropriations form the years 1987 through 1991. This money has been serving as the District's capital reserve. Members will receive their individual shares by the dates they have specified.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

VITAL RECORDS - 2004

BIRTHS 2004

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
7/6/2004	KYLEIGH MAE MUNROE	JOSHUA MUNROE	BRIANA YOUNG	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/22/2004	CEILI ROSE MUTNEY		JAIME MUTNEY	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/23/2004	RYAN CHRISTOPHER BERG	BRIAN BERG	LORI BERG	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/26/2004	HAYLEY BRYANN RICHARDSON	BRYAN RICHARDSON	AMANDA BLAKE	PLYMOUTH, NH
8/4/2004	ELAINA STEPHANIE MANSON	WILLIAM MANSON	ALISON MANSON	LACONIA, NH
8/12/2004	BRENDAN OSCAR PARRY	CHRISTOPHER PARRY	KAREN MONEY-PARRY	LACONIA, NH
9/10/2004	CHLOE AMANDA PEARSON	CRAIG PEARSON	HAILEY PEARSON	CONCORD, NH
9/18/2004	JULIANNA RENEE COTE	GERALD COTE	AMBER GALLIEN	LACONIA, NH
10/7/2004	CIERE DAWN ROBERTS		TARA SMITH	PLYMOUTH, NH
10/13/2004	BISHOP S. R. FOLGER	BRANDON FOLGER	JOVANNA FOLGER	EXETER, NH
10/16/2004	PYPER RENEE MOORE	JOSEPH MOORE	VICKIE CAMPBELL	PLYMOUTH, NH
10/19/2004	GAVON SCOTT HARRIS	ERIC HARRIS	JESSICA GRATON	PLYMOUTH, NH
11/1/2004	MATTHEW J. MACALLISTER	DONALD MACALLISTER	KELLY MORRILL	PLYMOUTH, NH
11/23/2004	CAMRON MICHAEL CHASE	DAVIS CHASE	ALICIA JENNESS	PLYMOUTH, NH

DEATHS 2004

DATE	NAME	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE
1/16/2004	JOHN TAPPAN	UNKNOWN TAPPAN	UNKNOWN RUMBLE	PLYMOUTH, NH
1/24/2004	MARGERY ROBY	CLIFFORD PRINCE	LEONA BELAIR	LITTLETON, NH
4/24/2004	DOROTHY BROWN	IRVING BROWN	JENISS MITCHELL	PLYMOUTH, NH
6/7/2004	HAROLD BAKER	MATTHEW BAKER	MAUDE PATTEN	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/7/2004	SUSAN SIMONEAU	WILLIAM WATSON	LOUELLA LLOYD	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/30/2004	FLORENCE CHAISSON	COLBY LYFORD	IRENE COTE	ASHLAND, NH
8/20/2004	GAYE DIEHM	ROY RILEY	BARBARA PEPI	ASHLAND, NH
9/18/2004	ROLAND MORRELL	JOSEPH MORRELL	MARIEA MARCHANT	ASHLAND, NH
9/30/2004	LEON LAMBERT	HENRY LAMBERT	BEATRICE COUTURE	ASHLAND, NH
10/14/2004	GLORIA TAYLOR	FRANKLIN WYMAN	MILDRED PIERCE	ASHLAND, NH
10/30/2004	AMANDA HACKETT		PAMELA HACKETT	HOLDERNESS, NH
11/18/2004	STANLEY LAMOND	FRED LAMOND	JOSIE BOYNTON	ASHLAND, NH
12/6/2004	CHRISTINE AVERY	HOWARD LANGILL	KATHERINE PIPER	LACONIA, NH
12/7/2004	HOWARD BILODEAU	JOSEPH BILODEAU	ADEL TANGUAY	MEREDITH, NH
12/11/2004	HERMAN KENISTON	ELMER KINISTON	GEORGIA HILL	EPSON, NH
12/17/2004	EILEEN BERSUCH	DAN VANSOEST	SARAH GALLAGHER	LACONIA, NH
12/27/2004	WILLIAM TURNER	HARRY TURNER	DELIA GALLAGHER	ASHLAND, NH

MARRIAGES 2004

DATE	GROOM	BRIDE	PLACE
2/14/2004	MARK A DARRAH	CANDICE E CHAPMAN	MOULTONBOROUGH
2/14/2004	SHAWN M WOODS	JENNIFER A PATTERSON	ASHLAND
2/29/2004	SAMUEL W DIXON	AMY L SEAVEY	WILMOT
3/12/2004	DAVID A EDRY	LISA R HUDD	THORNTON
4/2/2004	MATTHEW J BRAGDON	ANGELA J DILL	PLYMOUTH
4/3/2004	ALBERT O PERRY JR	SHERRI J THOMAS	PLYMOUTH
4/9/2004	ROBERT D ROY	DEBRA S BAERT	WARREN
5/29/2004	LAWRENCE R WHITE	DALE A YOUNG	PLYMOUTH
6/5/2004	ADRIAN BUTTERWORTH	KATHERINE L ZOCK	HOLDERNESS
6/5/2004	JEREMY S JAQUITH	TAMI J MACDONALD	ASHLAND
6/12/2004	SYLVESTER A PUSHEE	MARGARET R SMITH	ASHLAND
6/19/2004	DAVID L GROLEAU	SARAH F HORMELL	ASHLAND
7/3/2004	JAMES A LEONARD	DAWNE B TAPPAN	ASHLAND
7/24/2004	GRAHAM J WALKER	SARAH E REDHOUSE	BARRINGTON
4/24/2004	JONATHAN M WENDELBOE	ALISHA A BALLOU	GILFORD
8/21/2004	DANIEL N THOMPSON	BEATRICE R CALLAHAN	ASHLAND
8/21/2004	EDWIN G BUFORD	REBECCA S GUAY	MEREDITH
9/4/2004	SHAWN D WILLEY	MELISSA A LYFORD	HOLDERNESS
9/25/2004	GREGORY L. BAVIS	ERIN L. PIASSA	CAMPTON
10/9/2004	MICHAEL J. FRANKAUSKI	CATHY K. YEUNG	ASHLAND
10/27/2004	ERIK G. AMES	EMMA-JANE HYSLOP	ASHLAND
10/31/2004	JOHN A. MCHUGH	HEATHER A. LETOURNEAU	ASHLAND

SOURCE: VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION - CONCORD, NH

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Submitted by Patricia Tucker

The Town Clerk's office is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, we are open Thursday until 5:00 PM.

We licensed nearly 400 dogs in 2004; we want to thank all the dog owners for their cooperation with this process. 2005 tags will be available after the first of the year.

The Town has allocated funds for the past few years that have enabled us to restore vital record books. This process is continuing as long as funds are available. We are working on cataloging permanent record retention materials.

We are now on the state NHVRIN (New Hampshire Vital Record Information Network). We are able to issue certified copies of events even if they did not occur in this town. There are restrictions that need to be complied with when applying for documents.

Revenue from Town Clerk – 2004

Motor Vehicle Registrations and Titles	$277280.25
Town Portion of Dog Licenses	$ 1745.50
State Portion of Dog Licenses (sent to state)	$ 880.00
Town Portion of Vital Record Copies	$ 296.00
State Portion of Vital Record Copies (sent to state)	$ 969.00
Filing Fees (UCC, election filing fees)	$ 1500.00
Miscellaneous	$ 136.50

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

ASHLAND 2004

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	366615.73		
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	0		
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx	3142.1		
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	1074.14		
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx			
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx			
		xxxxxx			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	4198881.08	
Resident Taxes	#3180	0	
Land Use Change	#3120	800	
Yield Taxes	#3185	1111.38	1160.07
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187		28
Utility Charges	#3189		

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OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110	16076			
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187				
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	6489.63	18779.63		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				
TOTAL DEBITS		4223358.09	390799.67	$	$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

ASHLAND 2004

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	3866792.71	366393.97		
Resident Taxes	0	0		
Land Use Change	800	3142.1		
Yield Taxes		2234.21		
Interest (Include lien conversion)	6489.63	18779.63		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd		28		
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)				
CREDITS 2005	3720.87			
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	57743.98	221.76		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	290420.39			
Resident Taxes	0			
Land Use Change	0			
Yield Taxes	1111.38			
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
CREDITS 2005	-3720.87			
TOTAL CREDITS	4223358.09	390799.67	$	$

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

ASHLAND 2004

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES 2003	2002	2001-
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		77620.74	29515.1	27516.04
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	122351.05			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	4223.52	9945.47	6915.94	8607.57
REFUNDS	27.52	34.48	24.25	
	124.8	120.76		
TOTAL DEBITS	126726.89	87721.45	36455.29	36123.61

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy 2004	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS) 2003	2002	2001-
Redemptions		61691.95	49459.39	17314.87	7396.7
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	4223.52	9945.47	5915.94	8607.57
ABATEMENTS INT/COSTS		27.52	34.48	24.25	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes		254.07	245.78	115.23	
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	60529.83	28036.33	12085	20119.34
TOTAL CREDITS		126726.89	87721.45	35455.29	36123.61

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ?_____YES

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Patricia Tuttle DATE 01-24-05

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GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS

	Annual Due Date	Principal Year 2204	Interest Year 2004	Principal Balance Due
$300,000 Water System Bond	10-Sep	$ 6,832.96	$ 11,893.04	$ 257,768.04
Due Annually @4.501%				
Payable to Rural Development				
Final Payment 9/10/2026				
$1,600,000 Water Project	16-Jul	$ 40,288.31	$ 61,359.69	$ 1,321,134.69
Interest @ 4.501%				
Payable to Rural Development				
Final Payment 7/18/2025				
$448,000 - 1967 Water Bonds	15-Jul	$ 15,000.00	$ 5,561.25	$ 120,000.00
Interest varies @5.4% - 8.25%	15-Jan		$ 5,561.25	
Payable to NH Municipal Bond				
Final Payment 7/15/2012				
$210,600 Fire Truck Lease	Monthly	$ 21,361.85	$ 1,287.27	$ 6,988.15
Interest @ 7.33%				
Payable to LaSalle National Bank				
Final Payment 4/1/2005				
$2,000,000 Deficit Bond	Quarterly	$ 257,893.47	$ 3,808.65	$ -
Interest @ 2.44%				
Payable to Pemi National Bank				
Final Payment in 2005				
$971,100 River St. Improvement R1	10-Jan	$ 16,917.00	$ 42,177.00	$ 919,587.00
Interest @ 4.5%				
Payable to USDA - Rural Development				
Final payment 2030				
$412,905 River St. Improvement R2	10-Jan	$ 7,193.00	$ 17,934.00	$ 391,002.00
Interest @ 4.5%				
Payable to USDA -Rural Development				
Final payment 2030				
$28,320 Fire Department Uniform	1-May	$ 5,431.00	$ 767.00	$ 10,704.00
Interest @ 4.5%				
Payable to Banknorth				
Final Payment 2006				
$400,000 Highway Project Bond	1-Apr	$ 40,000.00	$ 12,032.87	$ 360,000.00
Interest @ 3%				
Payable to Woodsville Savings Bank				
Final Payment 2013				

SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUST
DECEMBER 31, 2004

Balance as of December 31, 2003 $175,869.01

	2003	2004
Expenses:		
Maintenance	$ 3,783.51	$ 7,774.50
Supplies	354.38	842.76
Garbage	208.00	370.00
Insurance	959.00	888.00
FICA	390.24	379.48
Trustees	1,154.35	1,315.96
Bookkeeper	230.87	923.50
Fuel	977.84	148.18
Ray Burke Fund	757.85	
Misc.	264.98	
TOTAL	$ 9,081.02	12,642.38

Income:

MVSB Interest	$ 4.09	1.25
Putnam Div. On Income	3,559.65	4,625.32
Inc. Fund of America	2,735.91	2,580.84
Ray Burke Fund	968.00	
Transferred Funds-CD		5,995.00
TOTAL	$ 7,267.65	$ 13,202.41

Account Balances:

MVSB 23479801	$2,422.56	$ 2,931.63
MVSB 14364	178.73	178.73
Inc. Fund of America-value	67,172.26	73,088.80
Cash Balance	73.15	73.15
Pioneer II-value	51,024.67	51,024.67
Putnam Diversified-value	$ 54,997.64	$ 35,496.45
TOTAL	$ 175,869.01	$162,793.43

Balance as of December 31, 2004 $ 162,793.43

Submitted by
Edward A. Dupuis
Sam Norman
Richard Ogden
Rick Pare'
Daniel Golden

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT - 2004

Submitted by Linda Guyotte, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER
BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2004	$ 1,470,096.97	$ 72,054.89	$ 85,466.97	$ 25,469.19
DEPOSITS	$ 11,389,048.33	$ 3,333,564.68	$ 78,644.21	$ 448,323.54
EXPENDITURES	$ 11,350,522.13	$ 3,200,919.48	$ 118,908.09	$ 318,856.47
INTEREST	$ 7,451.15	$ 998.45	$ 347.18	$ 491.81
TOTAL	$ 1,516,074.32	$ 205,698.54	$ 45,550.27	$ 155,428.07
PROOF OF BALANCE				
MVSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	$ 55,379.83	$ 12,530.81	$ -	$ -
MVSB CASH MANAGER	$ 1,460,694.49	$ 193,167.73	$ 45,550.27	$ 156,428.07
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS 12/31/04	$ 1,516,074.32	$ 205,698.54	$ 45,550.27	$ 156,428.07
INVESTED FUNDS				
BEGINNING BALANCE	$ -	$ 17,224.34	$ 55,717.25	$ 202,512.42
CONTRIBUTION	$ -		$ -	$ -
WITHDRAWALS	$ -	$ 17,265.76	$ -	$ 38,550.00
INTEREST	$ -	$ 41.42	$ 550.62	$ 1,998.24
TOTAL	$ -	$ 0.00	$ 56,267.87	$ 165,960.66
PROOF OF BALANCE				
NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL 12/31/04	$ -	$ -	$ 56,267.87	$ 165,960.66
MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS BANK		$ 315,986.23		
WITHDRAWAL		$ 200,000.00		
INTEREST		$ 2,480.60		
TOTAL	$ -	$ 118,466.83		
PROOF OF BALANCE MVSB 12/31/04		$ 118,466.83		
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31. 2004	$ 1,516,074.32	$ 324,165.37	$ 101,818.14	$ 322,388.73

Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire on December 31, 2004

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust	Purpose of Trust Fund	Principal Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Increase (decrease) in Fair Value	Withdrawls	Ending Balance
	Nonexpendable Trusts:						
	Cemetery Care Trusts:						
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	8,750.00				8,750.00
09/18/66	Crimings & Berry Cemetary	Cemetery	1,331.38				1,331.38
06/01/30	Thompson Cemetery	Cemetery	200.00			(200.00)	
	Library Trusts:						
02/08/77	Pauline Packard Memorial Fund	Library	958.36		55.03		1,013.39
08/07/74	Ordway Cheney	Library	1,969.01		140.89		2,109.90
05/13/85	Harriet Addison	Library	913.21		70.65		983.86
	Memorial Park						
03/01/95	J. Rollins Trust	Mem. Park	3,578.23				3,578.23
08/12/93	Memorial Park	Maintenance	35,132.26		6,417.47		41,549.73
			52,832.45		6,684.04	(200.00)	59,316.49
	Expendable Trusts:						
	Capital Reserve Funds:						
03/14/99	Ice Skating Rink Fund		5,491.44			(5,491.44)	
03/09/04	River Street Bridge			30,000.00			30,000.00
03/09/04	Highway Truck			25,000.00			25,000.00
03/12/02	Highway Truck	Highway Truc	54,000.00			(54,000.00)	
03/12/02	Employee Disability Payment Fund	Insurance	7,300.00				7,300.00
			66,791.44	55,000.00		(59,491.44)	62,300.00
	Agency Trusts:						
	Ashland School District						
01/23/03	School District Special	Insurance	55,298.66				55,298.66
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	11,068.38		767.96		11,836.34
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	82.63				82.63
08/16/87	Edward M. Dogett Memorial	Scholarship	2,000.00		12.62		2,012.62
			68,449.67		780.58		69,230.25
	Totals		188,073.56	55,000.00	7,464.62	(59,691.44)	190,846.74

Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of A

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust	Purpose of Trust Fund	Beginning Balance	Income	Income Increase (decrease) in Fair Value	Expended	Ending Balance
	Nonexpendable Trusts:						
	Cemetery Care Trusts:						
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	702.68	255.18	(102.93)		854.93
09/18/66	Crimings & Berry Cemetary	Cemetery	973.40	41.16	(12.84)		1,001.72
06/01/30	Thompson Cemetery	Cemetery	166.27	0.62		(166.89)	
	Library Trusts:						
02/08/77	Pauline Packard Memorial Fund	Library	26.36	32.46	16.18	(75.00)	
08/07/74	Ordway Cheney	Library	52.13	64.20		(75.00)	41.33
05/13/85	Harriet Addison	Library					
	Memorial Park						
03/01/95	J. Rollins Trust	Mem. Park	1,132.71	267.80	(171.16)	(75.00)	1,154.35
08/12/93	Memorial Park	Maintenance	13,947.35	0.95		(3,000.00)	10,948.30
			17,000.90	662.37	(270.75)	(3,391.89)	14,000.63
	Expendable Trusts:						
	Capital Reserve Funds:						
03/14/99	Ice Skating Rink Fund		303.41	8.46		(311.87)	
03/09/04	River Street Bridge			232.45			232.45
03/09/04	Highway Truck			193.61			193.61
03/12/02	Highway Truck	Highway Truc	338.96			(338.96)	
03/12/02	Employee Disability Payment Fun	Insurance	55.03	72.66			127.69
			697.40	507.18		(650.83)	553.75
	Agency Trusts:						
	Ashland School District						
01/23/03	School District Special	Insurance	375.06	550.31			925.37
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	284.22	349.99			634.21
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	0.28			(0.28)	
08/16/87	Edward M. Dogett Memorial	Scholarship	3.73	57.93			61.66
			663.29	958.23		(0.28)	1,621.24
	Totals		18,361.59	2,127.78	(270.75)	(4,043.00)	16,175.62

Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of A

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust	Purpose of Trust Fund	Total Principal and Income	Prior Year Balances	Return on Average Balance	Investments: Bank/ Brokerage	Type of Account	Account Number	Account Balance
	Nonexpendable Trusts:								
	Cemetery Care Trusts:								
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	9,604.93	9,452.68	2.68%	UBS	Mut Fnds	CV 65555 33	9,452.68
09/18/66	Crimings & Berry Cemetary	Cemetery	2,333.10	2,304.78	1.22%	UBS	Mut Fnds	CV 75555 33	2,304.78
06/01/30	Thompson Cemetery	Cemetery		366.27	0.34%	MVS	Passbook	12058 (closed)	366.27
	Library Trusts:								
02/08/77	Pauline Packard Memorial Fund	Library	1,013.39	984.72	4.87%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds	CV 65553 33	984.72
08/07/74	Ordway Cheney	Library	2,151.23	2,021.14	3.08%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds	CV 65554 33	2,021.14
05/13/85	Harriet Addison	Library	983.86	913.21		Pioneer	Mut Fnds	008-008065738	913.21
	Memorial Park								
03/01/95	J. Rollins Trust	Mem. Park	4,732.58	4,710.94	2.05%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds	CV 69135 07	4,710.94
08/12/93	Memorial Park	Maintenance	52,498.03	49,079.61	0.00%	AG Edwards	Mut Fnds	410-100746-043	49,079.61
			73,317.12	69,833.35	0.55%				69,833.35
	Expendable Trusts:								
	Capital Reserve Funds:								
03/14/99	Ice Skating Rink Fund			5,794.85	0.29%	MVS	Passbook	77025	5,794.85
03/09/04	River Street Bridge		30,232.45			NHPDIP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	Closed
03/09/04	Highway Truck		25,193.61			NHPDIP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	
03/12/02	Highway Truck	Highway Truc		54,338.96		NHPDIP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	54,338.96
03/12/02	Employee Disability Payment Fun	Insurance	7,427.69	7,355.03	0.98%	NHPDIP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	7,355.03
			62,853.75	67,488.84	0.78%				67,488.84
	Agency Trusts:								
	Ashland School District								
01/23/03	School District Special	Insurance	56,224.03	55,673.72		NHPDIP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	55,673.62
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	12,470.55	11,352.60	2.94%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds	CV 65552 33	11,352.60
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	82.63	82.91		MVS	Passbook	71196	82.91
08/16/87	Edward M. Dogett Memorial	Scholarship	2,074.28	2,003.73	2.84%	UBS	Mut Fnds	CV 75552 33	2,003.73
			70,851.49	69,112.96	1.37%				69,112.86
	Totals		207,022.36	206,435.15	1.03%				206,435.05

Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire on December 31, 2004

			Principal					Income							
Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust	Purpose of Trust Fund	Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Capital Gains(Losses)	Withdrawls	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Increase (decrease) in Fair Value	Expended	Ending Balance	Total Principal and Income	Prior Year Balances	Return on Average Balance
	Nonexpendable Trusts:														
	Cemetery Care Trusts:						0.00	0.00				0.00		0.00	
8/29/2019	Thomas Cheney	Cemetary	450.00				450.00	36.13	13.12	(5.29)	0.00	43.96	493.96	486.13	1.60%
11/15/2022	Francella Perkins	Cemetary	500.00				500.00	40.15	14.58	(5.88)	0.00	48.85	548.85	540.15	1.60%
7/2/2029	Jennie York	Cemetary	250.00				250.00	20.08	7.29	(2.94)	0.00	24.43	274.43	270.08	1.60%
4/15/1930	Blanche Rogers	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
2/17/1933	Blanche Nichols	Cemetary	150.00				150.00	12.05	4.37	(1.76)	0.00	14.66	164.66	162.05	1.60%
11/19/1939	Batchelder Thompson	Cemetary	400.00				400.00	32.12	11.67	(4.71)	0.00	39.08	439.08	432.12	1.60%
3/1/1940	Julia Tanguay	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
3/9/1940	Alice Mitchell	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
12/31/1941	Aimee Dupuis	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
1/26/1942	Deacon James Huckins	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
1/26/1942	James Ford Huckins	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
8/24/1943	Draper Corliss	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
4/28/1944	Perkins-Vittum-Cheney	Cemetary	1,500.00				1,500.00	120.48	43.75	(17.65)	0.00	146.58	1,646.58	1,620.48	1.60%
4/28/1944	Clarence Cheney Smith	Cemetary	1,000.00				1,000.00	80.30	29.16	(11.76)	0.00	97.70	1,097.70	1,080.30	1.60%
5/26/1944	Frank Fifield	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
4/27/1945	C.T. Clough	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
9/22/1945	Nellie Smythe	Cemetary	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
2/12/1946	S.B. Cummings	Cemetary	150.00				150.00	12.05	4.37	(1.76)	0.00	14.66	164.66	162.05	1.60%
2/12/1946	Julia Nichols	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
2/12/1946	Frank & Sarah Smith	Cemetary	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
3/24/1946	Margaret Horrigan	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
1/25/1950	Guy Torsey	Cemetary	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
8/27/1950	Frank Robie	Cemetary	150.00				150.00	12.05	4.37	(1.76)	0.00	14.66	164.66	162.05	1.60%
10/31/1951	Walter B. Brown	Cemetary	400.00				400.00	32.12	11.67	(4.71)	0.00	39.08	439.08	432.12	1.60%
10/31/1951	Hodgdon & Pollard	Cemetary	400.00				400.00	32.12	11.67	(4.71)	0.00	39.08	439.08	432.12	1.60%
10/1/1953	Gove Rogers	Cemetary	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
8/16/1956	Dona Guyotte	Cemetary	150.00				150.00	12.05	4.37	(1.76)	0.00	14.66	164.66	162.05	1.60%
2/14/1960	Bertha C. Boynton	Cemetary	250.00				250.00	20.08	7.29	(2.94)	0.00	24.43	274.43	270.08	1.60%
7/11/1961	Martha Cummings	Cemetary	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
3/12/1964	Josie Lamond	Cemetary	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
8/28/1946	James C. Hinds	Cemetary	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
9/20/1967	Lucien St. Arnauld	Cemetary	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
6/30/1969	Drew Weeks Lot	Cemetary	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
12/17/1969	Marie Young	Cemetary	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
			8,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,750.00	702.68	255.18	(102.93)		854.93	9,604.93	9,452.68	1.60%

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

FOR THE TAX YEAR 2004 - TOWN OF ASHLAND - GRAFTON COUNTY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2004 BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE REMAINING
EXECUTIVE	$ 5,768.00	$ 3,354.00	$ 2,414.00
ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITALS	$ 29,576.00	$ 26,141.00	$ 3,435.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	$ 193,625.00	$ 179,184.00	$ 14,441.00
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	$ 32,001.00	$ 19,027.00	$ 12,974.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	$ 10,000.00	$ 8,821.00	$ 1,179.00
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	$ 1.00	$ 1,671.00	$ (1,670.00)
PLANNING AND ZONING	$ 2,800.00	$ 2,432.00	$ 368.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	$ 34,100.00	$ 15,299.00	$ 18,801.00
CEMETERIES	$ 400.00	$ 195.00	$ 205.00
INSURANCE	$ 57,278.00	$ 59,048.00	$ (1,770.00)
ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOC	$ 1,770.00	$ 1,770.00	$ -
OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$ 10,000.00	$ 5,012.00	$ 4,988.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			$ -
POLICE	$ 449,972.00	$ 392,867.00	$ 57,105.00
AMBULANCE	$ 28,241.00	$ 28,241.00	$ -
FIRE	$ 131,046.00	$ 107,665.00	$ 23,381.00
BUILDING INSPECTION	$ 7,099.00	$ 6,169.00	$ 930.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	$ 3,000.00	$ 315.00	$ 2,685.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			$ -
ADMINISTRATION	$ 182,312.00	$ 148,501.00	$ 33,811.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	$ 185,085.00	$ 159,242.00	$ 25,843.00
BRIDGES	$ 600.00	$ 381.00	$ 219.00
TOWN MECHANIC	$ 58,288.00	$ 53,452.00	$ 4,836.00
STREET LIGHTING	$ 38,400.00	$ 34,617.00	$ 3,783.00
SANITATION			$ -
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	$ 174,270.00	$ 159,705.00	$ 14,565.00
HEALTH			$ -
ADMINISTRATION	$ 1,446.00	$ 807.00	$ 639.00
PEST CONTROL	$ 3,300.00	$ 2,205.00	$ 1,095.00
WELFARE			$ -
ADMINISTRATION / ASSISTANCE	$ 23,229.00	$ 29,060.00	$ (5,831.00)
VENDOR PAYMENTS / OTHER	$ 22,982.00	$ 17,791.00	$ 5,191.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION			$ -
PARKS AND RECREATION	$ 141,977.00	$ 124,426.00	$ 17,551.00
LIBRARY	$ 44,225.00	$ 44,225.00	$ -
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	$ 5,930.00	$ 4,951.00	$ 979.00
TOWN TRUSTEES	$ 648.00	$ 502.00	$ 146.00
CONSERVATION	$ 850.00	$ 350.00	$ 500.00
			$ -
DEBT SERVICE			$ -
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM	$ 302,232.00	$ 286,937.00	$ 15,295.00
INTEREST - LONG TERM	$ 160,279.00	$ 151,268.00	$ 9,011.00
INTEREST - TAN	$ 1.00	$ -	$ 1.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	$ 28,827.00	$ 30,713.00	$ (1,886.00)
WARRANT ARTICLES	$ 169,095.00	$ 133,761.00	$ 35,334.00
DEFAULT DISCOUNTS	$ -	$ (801.00)	$ 801.00
			$ -
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES	$ 2,540,653.00	# $ 2,239,304.00	# $ 301,349.00
			$ -
OUT TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS			$ -
MUNICIPAL SEWER FUND	$ 248,815.00	$ 248,815.00	$ -
MUNICIPAL WATER FUND	$ 161,362.33	$ 161,362.33	$ -
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC FUND	$ 2,101,884.00	$ 2,101,884.00	$ -

UNAUDITED AS OF JANUARY 31, 2005

The Mercier Group

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF
REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased by the progress that Town employees have made to re-establish in-house accounting functions and to develop routine monthly procedures to verify the accuracy of those records. Personnel continue to develop their individual skills and as a result we are happy to report that our audit disclosed no matters that were considered material weaknesses as defined above. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or record keeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved over the course of the fiscal year or during our audit fieldwork. Areas of opportunity for further consideration include:

- **Continued development of accounting systems -** During FY2004, the Town experienced a decline in the overall quality of its financial records due mainly to personnel turnover in a key accounting position. Fortunately, by year-end a trained accountant was hired to fill the vacancy and although records were not completely closed at the time of audit, much has been done to bring the accounting records up to date and in balance between the various departments and elected officials. Considering past difficulties, the significant progress that the community has made to improve its financial systems and with the growing complexities of governmental accounting standards, we strongly emphasize the importance for maintaining the staffing of this position with adequately trained personnel. As independent auditors, we are happy to continue to monitor activities and provide support training for accounting personnel as may be needed through the coming year.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management as an aid in improving systems and procedures. It is not intended for and should not be used for any other purpose.

The Mercier Group, *a professional corporation*
February 11, 2005

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Ashland as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The basic financial statements referred to above do not include the business-type activities (Enterprise Funds), which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The Utility Departments are audited by other auditors who issue a separate report on those Funds.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omissions described in the preceding paragraph, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its private-purpose trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The Mercier Group, *a professional corporation*
February 11, 2005

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To the Commissioners
Ashland, New Hampshire

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Water, Sewer and Electric enterprise fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire and management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in the notes to financial statements, the financial statements present only the Water, Sewer and Electric enterprise fund, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund type in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Water, Sewer and Electric enterprise fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying combining financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the enterprise fund financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the enterprise fund financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented, in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Harding & Bahr

Plymouth, New Hampshire
January 24, 2005

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ASHLAND
TOWN WARRANT
AND
TOWN BUDGET

OFFICIAL BALLOT
2005 ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2005

Article 1:

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

(2)	Selectmen	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Treasurer	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Clerk	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Library Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Electric Commissioner	3 Year Term
(1)	Water/Sewer Commissioner	3 Year Term
(4)	Budget Committee	3 Year Term
(1)	Budget Committee	1 Year Term

Article 2:

Question 1:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendments to the town's zoning ordinance.

To remove Article 7.5 Flood Hazard Areas Regulation from the Ashland Building Regulations, remove non-existent zone references, and amend the Ashland Zoning Ordinance Article 4 to include the Flood Hazard Areas Regulation as amended, to become Article 4.9. (Majority Vote Required)

YES_____ **NO**_____

Question 2:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendment to the town's zoning ordinance.

To amend the Ashland Building Regulations Article 7.3 Sewage Disposal changing the departmental sign-off requirements, relieving the Water and Sewer Department of the need to review septic design plans. (Majority Vote Required)

YES_____ **NO**_____

Question 3:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendment to the town's zoning ordinance

To amend the Ashland Zoning Ordinance zone description, 2.2b, to add commercial uses to the industrial zones with the exception of residential uses.

YES_____ **NO**_____

Article 3:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) to be deposited into the Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of the River Street Bridge over Squam River. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES_____ **NO**_____

Article 4:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars ($12,700) for the purchase of two 40-yard open top containers and other equipment for the transfer/recycling facility. This amount is the equivalent of a refund to the town that the Pemi Baker Solid Waste District is committed to making in 2005. No amount to be raised from new taxation from this article. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES_____ **NO**_____

Article 5:

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-C to restrict the revenues from ambulance billing to expenditures for the purpose of the Fire Department apparatus or equipment when needed. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue account fund to be known as the Fire Department Apparatus or Equipment Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. Fund is to go into effect upon passage of this article. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES_____ **NO**_____

Article 6:

To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to enter into a 10 year lease/purchase agreement to cover the acquisition of a ladder truck for the fire department, and also the refurbishing of the remaining fire department fleet through a bid process, and further, to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $ 62,886.27 to make payment during the first year of the lease. The agreement would require an annual appropriation of approximately $ 62,886.27 for the next nine years for a total expenditure of approximately $628,862.70, this figure includes interest. This lease does have a non-appropriations clause. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ **NO** _____

Article 7:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote on the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $5,283,697.00. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $6,557,178.00, which is the same as last year,

with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES_____ **NO**_____

Article 8:

To see if the town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a. (Majority Vote Required)

YES_____ **NO**_____

Article 9:

Shall the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Ashland, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years $30,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years of age $40,000.00; for a person 80 years or older $50,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $20,000.00 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than $30,000.00; and own net assets of not in excess of $60,000.00 excluding the value of the persons residence. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES_____ **NO**_____

Article 10:

To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of its Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Officers for the year of 2004 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required)

YES_____ **NO**_____

Article 11:

To see if the Town of Ashland wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than $1,200.00. The $1,200.00 limit on the excludable amount of remuneration paid in a calendar year for the services specified in this modification will be subject to adjustment for calendar years after 2005 to reflect changes in wages in the economy without any further modification of the agreement, with respect to such services performed during such calendar years, in accordance with Section 218 (c) (8) (B) of the Social Security Act. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES_____ **NO**_____

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BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: ASHLAND

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.

2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.

3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) POSTED 01-31-05.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in Ink.

[signature]	[signature]
[signature]	[signature]
Neale Barnes	Daniel P. Gaeser
Kendall L. Hughes	James C. Cole
Helen Knaulton	
[signature]	

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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Rev. 07/02

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		5,768	4,646	8,268		8,268	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		29,576	26,915	29,264		29,264	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		195,125	191,551	250,035	1,230	229,410	20,625
4152	Revaluation of Property		32,001	19,067	28,500		28,500	
4153	Legal Expense		*60,000	*61,120	15,000		15,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		1	1,746	1		1	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		2,800	2,875	5,886		4,866	1,000
4194	General Government Buildings		34,100	28,938	47,150	200	47,150	
4195	Cemeteries		400	195	400		400	
4196	Insurance		57,278	59,931	69,275		69,275	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1,770	1,770	1,770		1,770	
4199	Other General Government		10,000	5,012	10,000		10,000	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		450,972	415,526	457,828		470,328	
4215-4219	Ambulance		28,241	28,241	26,575		26,575	
4220-4229	Fire		131,046	112,397	134,756	100	134,756	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		7,099	6,344	7,351		7,351	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		3,000	315	2,500	500	2,500	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		183,812	155,051	188,994		188,994	
4312	Highways & Streets		185,085	170,429	258,929	4,600	203,329	55,600
4313	Bridges		600	381	400	200	400	

* includes $50,000 legal expenses for electric system expansion, approved in August

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		141,977	129,303	148,054	5,150	147,955	899
4550-4559	Library		44,225	44,225	46,945	4,825	45,945	1,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes		5,930	4,951	5,930		5,930	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		648	663	652		652	
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		850	536	800	400	860	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes		302,232	323,767	165,938	4,500	125,938	40,000
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		160,279	151,235	151,621		147,621	4,000
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		1	0	1		1	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		137,127	139,391	30,713		30,713	
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		*1,630,795	*1,630,803				
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-		248,815	248,815	261,847		261,847	
	Water-		161,362	161,362	164,397		164,397	

*includes $1,625,000 for electric system expansion, approved in August

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
	Electric-		2,101,884	2,101,884	2,564,131		2,564,131	
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		55,000	55,000				
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			6,757,014	6,618,496	5,416,397		5,283,773	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct.#	Warr. Art.#	Amount	Acct.#	Warr. Art.#	Amount

Note: Actual expenditures were reported before the audit, so they may not be the final figures.

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4915	River St Bridge CR	3	30,000	30,000	12,000		12,000	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	12,000	XXXXXXXXX	12,000	XXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4324	Transfer Station	4			12,700		12,700	
4902	Fire Trucks	6			62,886		62,886	
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	75,586	XXXXXXXXX	75,586	XXXXXXXXX

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes			800	
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		5,000	1,160	2,000
3186	Payment In Lieu of Taxes		38,000	27,429	37,000
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		45,000	54,959	45,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)		50	28	50
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		3,200	5,382	3,900
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		227,500	286,254	283,000
3230	Building Permits		7,795	11,573	10,185
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2,375	2,213	2,275
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		34,500	69,044	60,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		40,000	65,660	60,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		44,800	44,322	44,322
3354	Water Pollution Grant		40,000	58,351	43,360
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		100	101	100
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		500	326	500
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		105,400	115,756	118,700
3409	Other Charges		5,000	668	1,000
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property			2,997	
3502	Interest on Investments		5,000	7,427	6,000
3503-3509	Other		23,900	4,161	47,975
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

Note: Actual revenues were reported before the audit, so they may not be the final figures.

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		248,815	248,815	261,847
	Water - (Offset)		161,362	161,362	164,397
	Electric - (Offset)		2,101,884	2,101,884	2,564,131
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		59,795	60,257	
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		1,700,000	1,700,000	
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		115,095	115,095	
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes			300,000	
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		5,015,071	5,446,024	3,755,744

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)		5,416,397	5,283,773
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)		12,000	12,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)		75,586	75,586
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended		5,503,983	5,371,359
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)		3,755,744	3,755,744
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		1,748,239	1,615,615

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 501,021.40
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

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DATES TO REMEMBER

1-Jan	Fiscal Year Begins
5-Feb	Deliberative Session of 2005 Town Meeting Ashland School Gymnasium - 1 PM
9-Feb	Deliberative Session of 2005 Pemi-Baker School District Meeting Plymouth Regional High School - 6:30 PM
10-Mar	Ashland School District Meeting Ashland School Gymnasium - 7 PM
8-Mar	SB2 Official Balloting/Town and School Officers Election Ashland School Gymnasium 9PM to 7PM
1-Apr	All real property assessed to owner
15-Apr	Last day to file for religious, educational and charitable organizations to file annual list of all exempt property with assessing officials. Refusal to file may be grounds for denial.
15-Apr	Last day to file "Report of Cut" for 2002-2003 year
15-Apr	Last day to file Current Use Application for 2004 year
30-Apr	2004 Dog Tags Expire - Renew with Town Clerk
1-Jul	First Issue 2005 Tax Bill due
1-Aug	Deadline for Elderly Exemption Application
1-Dec	Second Issue 2005 Tax Bill due

MEETING SCHEDULES

*Subject to change with notice

Board of Selectmen	First/Third Monday of the Month 7 PM - Ashland School Library
Planning Board	First Tuesday of the Month 7PM - Ashland School Cafeteria
Board of Adjustment	Meetings Scheduled as Needed Posted in Post Office and Town Office
Conservation Comm.	First Wednesday of the Month 7PM - Ashland Town Hall
Housing Standards	Called as needed Posted in Post Office and Town Office
Budget Committee	Called as needed Posted in Post Office and Town Office
Electric Commissioners	Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month 10 AM - Utility Office
Water/Sewer Comm.	First and Third Thursday of the Month 9AM - Utility Office